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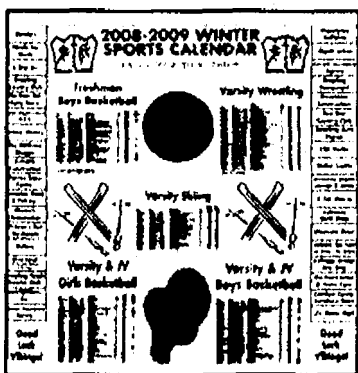
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Girls basketball team prepares for next week's season opener



Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball team, a group that started its official practices for the 2008-2009 season on Monday, Nov. 10, continues to prepare for its season opener, which is scheduled for next week. The team has 13 players this year - five seniors, six juniors, and two sophomores. **1B**

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Christmas Village helps roll in the holiday spirit

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While the slow economy may have hampered the growth and progress of some communities across the country, the Goodale family's Christmas Village con-

tinues to expand and has undergone changes in the last 12 months.

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Workgroup to study ORV ordinance following hearing

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A workgroup of local officials and trail users will head back to the planning table after a proposed Crawford County ORV ordinance was debated last week.

About 40 people attended a public hearing for the ordinance, which would open up some county roads for ORV travel.

In June, Crawford County Commissioner Scott Hanson volunteered to study the possibility of adopting a county ORV ordinance.

Legislation, authored by State Rep. Joel Sheltown, D-West Branch, allows a county board of commissioners to adopt an ordinance permitting the operation of ORVs and ATVs on streets and roads under its jurisdiction - not state or federal highways - and can extend the authority to other municipalities in the county. The legislation was signed into law by Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Under the legislation, counties and townships can open their roadways to ORV use on the "far right," at a speed no greater than 25 mph, once a local ordinance is adopted. All youths must have Department of Natural Resources (DNR) ORV safety training and be under visual supervision of an adult, able to come to their immediate aid, as per current law.

The merits of the ORV ordinance were discussed with county commissioners last week, with both pro and con opinions being shared on the measure.

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Toys For Tots in high demand

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

According to Christmas lore, Santa Claus delivers toys to all the children of the world. Volunteers throughout the community are keeping the spirit of this legend true by supporting the Crawford County Community (CCC) Christian Help Center's "Toys For Tots" program.

"The primary thing is children," said Marianne Gosnell, interim director of the CCC Christian Help Center.

The Toys For Tots program was founded by the Marine Corps Reserve in 1947. Independent organizations, like the CCC Christian Help Center, can obtain special permission to run the program under Marine Corps guidelines.

The help center first got involved in Toys For Tots 11 years ago under the leadership of Gerry Schroeder. At that time, there was no Marine Corps reserve nearby.

"We were working with the Marine Corps Reserve out of Saginaw for I think a couple of years," said Gosnell.

That first year, the CCC Christian Help Center delivered toys to 298 children in Crawford County.

"Every year, the number has gone up," said Gosnell.

Last year, almost 1,000 children received toys through the local program.

"I pretty much ran out of toys last year, so the demand is there," said Gosnell.

There are several local businesses and organizations that support Toys For Tots. This year, the program is receiving more local support than ever.

Forest Dunes Golf Club will be hosting a charity pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 7, with 100 percent of the proceeds benefitting Toys For Tots.

"Knowing the tough times that a lot of people are facing, this is a good way for us to help," said Forest Dunes Restaurant Manager Rick Coates.

This will be the club's first year of direct

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Grayling goes west



Grayling Elementary and Grayling Primary teamed up to host their annual mother-son dance last Wednesday. This year's "ho-down" was hosted by Roscommon emcee Greg Milne. He taught the mother-son couples a variety of basic square dancing moves. Kids and parents also had the opportunity to get their photos taken for the event.

Fatal fire under investigation

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Further testing at a Michigan State Police Crime Lab is needed to confirm the identity of a person found inside a burning home on Friday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said that deputies responded to a house fire in Grayling Township at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, November 21.

Once the fire was extinguished by

Grayling City and Township, Beaver Creek Township and South Branch Township firefighters, it was determined there was a body inside the home.

On Monday, Wakefield said that, due to the severity of the

fire, the body found inside the home cannot be positively identified by normal means.

Samples are being sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, along with other evidence collected, for DNA testing.

Happy Thanksgiving

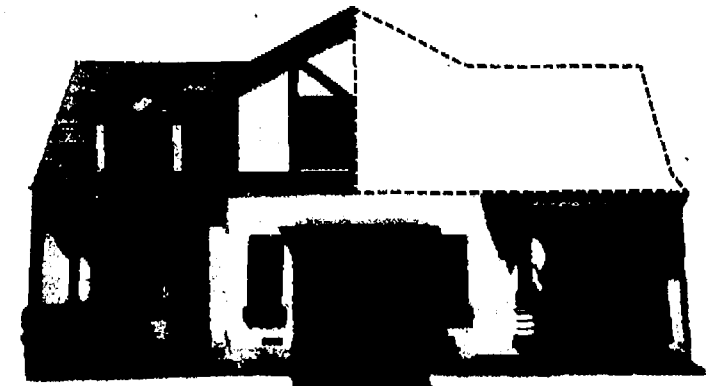
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Grayling High School Principal Doniel Pummell believes that in the time since its inception, the Grayling Viking Renaissance (GVR) program has been an invaluable addition to the school.

"The overall goal is student achievement," said Pummell.

GVR supplements the "Student of the Month" program that the school has traditionally utilized. GVR is much more wide reaching and offers specific incentives for achievement in academics, good behavior and attendance.

"It's a huge broad project ... this is a program that is encompassing a lot more than just student of the month," said Pummell.

GVR assemblies offer students the opportunity to win prizes donated by local businesses. Additionally, there are four "levels" of GVR membership, each offering increased special privileges.

Bronze level requires a .5 improvement from a stu-

dent's cumulative grade point average (GPA) to their most recent trimester GPA, no out-of-school suspensions, no more than 8 countable absences and no unexcused absences. Membership benefits include a platinum book, access to special events and parties and a membership pin.

"Bronze level is a foot in the door," said Pummell.

Pummell estimates that there are currently 12 to 30 students at the GVR bronze level.

Silver level membership requires a 2.0 trimester GPA, no write-ups, no more than 8 countable absences and no unexcused absences. Students with this membership level get a free T-shirt in addition to the privileges offered to bronze level students.

Pummell estimates that between 100 and 150 students are currently on the silver level.

Gold level membership is next. This level requires a 3.5 or higher trimester GPA, no write-ups or detentions, no more than 2 countable absences and no unexcused absences. Added benefits include the ability to use a membership card for hall pass privileges. Students on this level are also released to any meeting or assembly. There are between 50 and 70 students school wide who are currently at gold

level.

"We want it to be such an enormous accomplishment to get to gold," said Pummell.

For the true perfectionists, there is one last level of achievement. "Hero" level requires a 4.0 cumulative GPA, no write-ups or detentions, no countable absences and no unexcused absences.

"They are squeaky clean," said Pummell.

Since their program was launched, there have never been more than four hero level GVR members at one time. In addition to the gold level benefits, these exceptional students have immediate access to the front of any line, including lunch lines. They also get their own special parking spots.

Although it is impossible to know the feelings of all GHS students, Pummell insisted that the preferential treatment offered by GVR does not function to alienate struggling pupils. She said the program is designed to bring out the best in everyone.

"We want all our students to achieve their full potential ... but we're not going to stop pushing them to achieve more," said Pummell.

There are currently around 300 total students who qualify for GVR membership, which is over half of the student population.

"We want to have as many kids as possible qualify," said Pummell.

Still, she insists that it should continue to be a real challenge to reach the highest levels of GVR membership.

"If we water it down and change it, it won't be such an accomplishment anymore," said Pummell. "Sometimes things are too easy."

Nonetheless, GHS faculty do not intend to neglect students who struggle to get good grades. The school has recently instated a monthly "Intervention Day" where struggling students get special one-on-one attention from teachers. Pummell believes that bronze level GVR membership is reasonably attainable for all GHS students.

Meanwhile, some figures suggest that GVR might already be getting quantifiable results.

"The preliminary figures seem to show a decrease in absences from last year's first trimester," said Pummell.

Although it is possible that other factors may also account for this change, the numbers are encouraging. Pummell said the GVR program will likely continue to play a major role in the GHS learning environment.

"It's something that we are proud to have," said Pummell.

Grant bolsters AuSable Free Clinic

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A national phone company has plugged the AuSable

Free Clinic into equipment to educate its patients about health issues and educate the public about its mission.

The Verizon Foundation donated \$7,500 to the AuSable Free Clinic last week.

The Verizon Foundation offers assistance, education and opportunities for personal growth to members of communities the company serves throughout the United States.

"We're not here just to do business," said Steve Saylor, the area manager for customer operations for Verizon. "We want to be part of the community and support the communities we serve."

The AuSable Free Clinic serves uninsured and low income patients in Crawford, Montmorency, Roscommon and Oscoda counties.

The Verizon Foundation grant will be used to purchase a television and DVD player for the AuSable Free Clinic's lobby, where patients can view educational videos about various ailments, illnesses and diseases. In addition, portable DVD players will be available in the free clinic's patient consultation rooms to view the same educational materials.

"It prompts them to ask

the doctors questions that they may not have thought of," said Chris DeAnna, an AuSable Free Clinic volunteer and board member.

DeAnna, who is also a community wellness coach at Mercy Hospital Grayling, said many of the patients she sees during home visits are patients at the AuSable Free Clinic.

Jeanne Hufnagel, the AuSable Free Clinic director, said many of the patients that the clinic serves cannot afford to return to view the educational materials.

"If we catch them here, while they're waiting to see the physician, they're getting it twofold," Hufnagel said.

A laptop computer and a projector will also be purchased with the grant funds, which will be used when AuSable Free Clinic staff give presentations to community organizations.

DeAnna, who wrote the grant application for the funds, said she was tickled to be able to add to the free clinic's outreach and educational efforts.

"If a patient leaves here with the medications they need and a better quality of life - that's why I became a nurse," DeAnna said.

Eventually, the free clinic would like to offer a portable DVD player that patients could check out to view educational materials at home.

"We're trying to empower them to take care of themselves," Hufnagel said.

As of Nov. 19, the AuSable Free Clinic has served 1,012 patients this year, surpassing the 1,010 patients the clinic served in 2007.

"With the economy, it's only going to escalate," DeAnna said.

A host of doctors, nurses, social workers, and other staff members who volunteer at the free clinic, are able to meet the increased demand while reducing physician hours through increased efficiency and the clinic's medication access program.

The AuSable Free Clinic is open on Thursdays for a three-hour period. All people who are signed up by 6 p.m. on clinic nights are treated by doctors.

Mike Adams, the northern Michigan supervisor for Verizon who lives in South Branch Township, urged clinic volunteers to seek funds through the Verizon Foundation on an annual basis.

In 2007, the Verizon Foundation awarded more than \$69.4 million in grants to charitable and nonprofit agencies and their employees volunteered more than 485,000 hours to serve the agencies.

"We're looking forward to hopefully working with the free clinic for years to come," Adams said.

Thanksgiving Day dinner to be served

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Volunteers are serving and delivering Thanksgiving meals to the needy, and to residents who cannot be with their families for the holidays, at Camp Grayling on Thursday.

The 15th annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday,

Nov. 27, at the Camp Grayling Armory. No reservations are required for the meal served at the armory.

County residents can schedule the delivery of a meal up until noon on Thursday by contacting Sally Golnick at 348-9418.

Last year, volunteers served and delivered 750 meals.

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Environmental protection advocated amid drilling boom

by Brittany Kinstle
Capital News Service

Lawmakers have been adamant about their quest to turn the state green.

Movement toward an eco-friendly state include constructing renewable energy facilities that would convert unused natural resources into fuel and adopting more innovative technology.

But in the wake of an unstable fossil fuels market and ailing economy, attention is turning toward tapping into the state's oil and natural gas resources.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) oversees leasing of state-owned lands for oil and natural gas production.

Mary Uptigrove, a supervisor in DNR's Mineral and Land Management Section, said the department received almost \$100 million from leasing and production of oil and natural gas mineral rights this year. That's the highest amount on record, compared to \$67.1 million in 2007.

"The unprecedented amount of state-owned minerals we saw auctioned in 2008 was a result of the rising oil and natural gas market prices seen earlier this year and last year," said Uptigrove.

A report by the Environment Michigan Research and Policy Center evaluated the state's ability to address risks associated with drilling on public lands.

The Ann Arbor-based nonprofit organization said its research indicated that current policies and practices leave state lands at environmental risk from drilling.

John Rumpler, a senior attorney for Environment Michigan and adviser for

the report, said state guidelines aren't adequate.

"The state appears to place a lot of faith in the industry's ability to implement its own safety practices, but the track record shows that damage does occur when these activities are allowed," he said.

According to the report, contamination remains an issue after cleanup of two state-owned sites in Wexford County. Though the systems were closed in 1999 when cleanup was deemed a success, polluted groundwater in some areas measure above state criteria. The area continues to be monitored.

Almost 879,000 acres of state land are leased for oil and gas development, according to the DNR. The report said an additional 100,000 acres are under consideration for development.

The Wilderness and Natural Areas Act of 1972 allows state agencies like the DNR to protect such areas from drilling.

In June, the DNR moved to permanently protect Carney Fen, an area with more than 2,000 acres of forest and marsh in the Escanaba State Forest in the Upper Peninsula, from mining, drilling, logging, development and other activity that could harm the area's ecology. The decision came under the 1972 law.

Rumpler said that move features the kind of protection Environment Michigan advocates. Tahquamenon Falls and the West Michigan dunes are among the group's top preservation priorities. But, he said, there's still a long way to go to reach its goal of protecting one million acres of state land.

"The DNR is not using its legal authority in a

broad enough way yet," said Rumpler. "The point of this report was not to cast dispersions on the agency. We want to see more of the same as Carney Fen."

The Office of Geological Survey, under the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), supervises drilling from the initial permit to plugging a well once it's no longer productive.

"If there's contamination in between, we would oversee that, too," said Tom Godbold, field operations supervisor at Geological Survey. "We have inspectors out there on a regular basis inspecting wells and looking for contamination."

He said a 1994 "orphan well" program is a step in the right direction for environmental protection. It allows the DEQ to plug abandoned or mismanaged oil, gas and brine disposal wells and clean up contaminated sites.

Today, there are more than 19,200 oil and natural gas wells operating around the state.

Manistee County leads in both oil and natural gas production. In the first half of the year, 346,000 barrels of oil and more than 1.8 million cubic feet of gas were produced in the county, according to Geological Survey.

Manistee is at the southwestern end of the Niagaran Reef formation, an oil-and gas-producing belt that spans the top of northern Michigan, between Oceana County and Presque Isle County. Calhoun, Otsego, Montmorency and Kalkaska counties are also among the state's top producers.

According to the Michigan Oil and Gas

Producers Education Foundation, oil and gas production generates nearly \$2 billion a year in gross revenue. Michigan ranks 17th among the 33 petroleum-producing states, but its wells produce less than 5 percent of the state's consumption.

The Mitten State ranks higher as a natural-gas producer, at 13th nationwide, with enough gas to fill nearly one-third of the state's needs.

In early July, a federal judge denied efforts to drill in the Mason Tract, a 4,700-acre wilderness area along the AuSable River east of Grayling. Both state and federal permits had been granted during the initial site evaluation.

The decision was the result of a 2005 lawsuit filed by the Anglers of the AuSable, the Sierra Club and Tim Manson, grandson of the man who donated the Crawford County land to the state.

Rep. Mark Meadows, D-East Lansing, said the court case indicates that the law governing drilling permits needs to be amended to prevent future problems.

"Some change in the law needs to be made if we're going to protect areas like the Mason Tract from drilling," he said. "Even angle drilling, which may occur some distance from a waterway, could affect ground water and the ability to keep a stream viable."

Environment Michigan's Rumpler said the industry's extremely powerful presence in Lansing is a big obstacle to stricter controls.

"Any effort for broad protection is going to run up against that opposition and it's going to take bold and courageous leadership to confront that power."

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Winter fire safety is essential

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Cold weather and snow do not make buildings fireproof. It is necessary to take safety precautions during all seasons, not just the dry months of summer.

According to Beaver Creek Fire Chief Ed Holtcamp, there are sometimes as many as 40 fires in Crawford County homes or businesses during the winter months. He said that there are certain basic safety measures that can go a long way toward preventing a potential tragedy.

For homes that rely on a

wood burning stove during the winter months, it is essential to keep the chimney clean.

"The chimney should be inspected by a qualified individual," said Holtcamp.

Deadly gases also pose a risk during the winter months.

"For anything that burns fossil fuel that isn't vented, you better make sure you have a good carbon monoxide detector," said Holtcamp.

He added that it is also essential to make sure that smoke detectors are fully powered and operational.

"The answer to saving somebody's life is to have those things operating," said Holtcamp.

All home owners should take these basic precautions.

"It used to be that the wood burner was the problem," said Holtcamp, adding that electrical fires now account for more winter emergencies than wood furnaces.

"Electrical fires can occur at any time of the year," said Holtcamp.

Smoke detectors and a well planned evacuation strategy are always the best defense against the unfore-

seeable.

For people who have specific concerns or questions about how to best prepare their homes or businesses for an emergency situation, Holtcamp said that individuals should always feel free to contact their local fire department with questions.

Help center prepared for winter rush

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Despite a harsh economy, Crawford County Community (CCC) Christian Help Center volunteers believe that they are well prepared to meet food demands during the winter months.

The local help center is secure, despite food deficits in some neighboring food pantries.

"Fortunately for us in this county, we have not had that problem," said Interim Director Marianne Gosnell.

She said that the continued generosity of the community is what allows the CCC Christian Help Center to meet the winter food demand.

"We have some very, very giving people in this county," said Gosnell.

She said it is not unusual for the center to receive large donations, sometimes from anonymous donors.

"They just want to do it," said Gosnell.

Even small contributions can go a long way. Every dollar donated can be used to purchase 14 dollars of food from the Michigan Food Bank.

While the CCC Christian Help Center anticipates that it will meet winter demands, there is certainly not a food surplus.

"The demand is there," said Gosnell. "We have food coming in, but we've also got food going out."

Volunteers are committed to meeting that demand.

"As long as we've got people in need, we're here," said Gosnell. "We're more than just a food pantry ... but our primary role is as a food pantry."

We regret to inform our customers that a printing error has occurred in our After Thanksgiving Sale circular, valid Friday, November 28 & Saturday, November 29, 2008. On page 18, the Accent, area & Kitchen rugs and doormats should have a sale price range of \$4.49-\$159.99, not \$4.49-\$59.99 as printed. We are sorry for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

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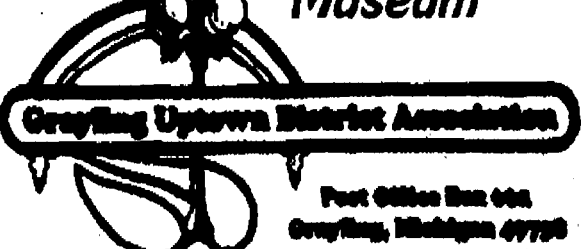
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Despite woes, let's give thanks this year anyway

SOME YEARS it seems more difficult than others to appreciate the Thanksgiving holiday.

This is one of those years. We all seem to have so many things about which to worry that won't let up just because it's the Thanksgiving season.

Our country is embroiled in not one but two fighting wars, with service men and women putting their lives on the line every day in Iraq or in Afghanistan, and maybe facing active military duty in the Middle East for years to come.

Our economy keeps on a steady spiral downward. Income is down, costs are up.

Mortgage foreclosures abound, putting too many Americans in sub standard housing or out on the street.

The stock market is down, and investments that promise security or anchor retirement planning are threatened.

Prices for food and other

essentials seem to keep going up, day by day. Lower gasoline prices mean only that gas costs less than the \$4 of a few weeks ago, but still more than a couple of years ago.

The unemployment rate in Michigan is in double digits, and massive layoffs threaten if the Big Three auto manufacturers face possible bankruptcy; the turmoil would echo down every main street as locally operated auto dealerships which sell and service vehicles face closure.

And the list of woes goes on and on.

LITTLE THINGS - Why give thanks this year in the face of all these troubles?

Ask this to enough people and you are liable to get the same answer: We should be thankful for the little things.

We should give thanks for our families ... parents for children, and children for parents ... and all of us for each other.

We should give thanks for our health, if we have it, and our religious faith, if we have that, too, because faith makes everyday living both easier and more meaningful.

Most of us are relatively happy, and we should give thanks for that.

We should give thanks for our country, imperfect though it is. Consider our presidential election: In many places in this world, there is no way people could reject an old regime and install a new one without bloodshed or outright revolt. In America, we did it that way once, and that was enough.

These are a few of the reasons every American should be thankful.

These are not little things; these really are big things, the important things in our lives.

TOUGH START - The Pilgrims to America who started this whole idea of a

special Thanksgiving observance didn't have an easy time of it 400 some years ago either.

Here's the story taken from the World Book Encyclopedia:

"The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated less than a year after the Plymouth colonists had settled in the new land. The first dreadful winter in Massachusetts had killed nearly half of the members of the new colony. But new hope grew up in the summer of 1621. The corn harvest brought rejoicing. Gov. William Bradford decreed a three day feast be held.

"The first Thanksgiving Day, set aside for the special purpose of prayer as well as celebration, was decreed by Gov. Bradford for July 30, 1623.

"The women of the colony spent many days preparing for the feast. The children helped by turning roasts on spits in front of open fires. Indians brought

wild turkeys and venison. The men of the colony brought geese, ducks and fish. The women served the meat and fish with journey cake, corn meal bread with nuts, and succotash. Everyone ate outdoors at big tables."

And that's how the whole thing started, according to the Encyclopedia.

The first thanks givers, the Pilgrims, had persisted in the face of physical hardships we can only imagine, and somehow what they started has continued.

If I had my choice, I take Thanksgiving 2008 in preference to Thanksgiving 1623.

PERSONAL NOTE - For myself, I appreciate and I'm thankful for all the material things we take for granted but don't really deserve by our own effort or merit, such as electricity and frozen foods, and running water and inside plumbing, and central heat, and

microwave ovens, and ice cream cones, and telephones and computers, and other one-time luxuries which have become necessities.

I am even more thankful for other things which I did not earn on my own either, but which I treasure and strive to deserve - such things as life itself, and faith, and health, and love, and ability and opportunity, and family, and children and grandchildren.

I realize, too, from where these blessings flow, and where my thanks should be directed, especially on Thanksgiving Day, but also on every other day as well.

The Almanack wishes you a happy, and thoughtful, Thanksgiving 2008!

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Viewpoint

By Brenda Kailing, RN, BSN - District Health Department #10

Michigan tobacco quitline helps smokers quit

The month of November marks National Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in Michigan and the United States. An estimated 8,020 Michigan residents will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year with an estimated 5,890 dying of the disease. Smoking is the leading risk factor for lung cancer with tobacco use causing 9 out of 10 cases of lung cancer.

"Non-smokers who breathe secondhand smoke also have an increased risk of developing lung cancer," said Dr. James Wilson, Medical Director for District Health Department #10. "The best way to prevent lung cancer is not to smoke and to live and work in smoke-free environments."

Approximately 24 percent of Michigan men and 19 percent of Michigan women smoke cigarettes. Quitting smoking is actually one of the most difficult things that many will ever do. To help raise awareness about smoking cessation, the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org) has scheduled its 33rd annual Great American Smokeout on Nov. 20th to encourage smokers to quit for a day in hopes that some will quit for a lifetime (www.greatamerican smokeout.org).

The health benefits of quitting smoking are enormous. Some of these benefits include:

Twenty minutes after quitting: Your heart rate and blood pressure drops.

Twelve hours after quitting: The carbon monoxide

level in your blood drops to normal.

Two weeks to 3 months after quitting: Your circulation improves and your lung function increases.

One to 9 months after quitting: Coughing and shortness of breath decrease; cilia regain normal function in the lungs, increasing the ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs and reduce the risk of infection.

One year after quitting: The excess risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker's.

Five to 15 years after quitting: Your stroke risk is reduced to that of a non-smoker.

Ten years after quitting: The lung cancer death rate is about half that of a continuing smoker's. The risk of cancer of the mouth,

throat, esophagus, bladder, cervix and pancreas decrease.

Fifteen years after quitting: The risk of coronary heart disease is that of a non-smoker's.

If you or someone you know is interested in quitting smoking, help is available by calling the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-480-QUIT (1-800-480-7848). With your permission, your health care provider may also refer you by faxing a form. Research shows that quitting is easier when you use a combination of methods that includes support in your efforts.

The Quitline is a free service supported by the Michigan Department of Community Health, staffed by the American Cancer Society, and funded by the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Healthy Michigan Fund. It includes professionally trained smoking cessation coaches who offer help over the phone, provide educational materials, provide free patches or lozenges for those who qualify and give feedback, if desired, to referring health care providers.

Throughout the year, the Health Department works to reduce the number of smokers and the exposure of secondhand smoke by promoting smoking cessation counseling, participating in coalitions, and working with communities on smoke-free policies. For more information, visit www.tobaccofreemichigan.org.

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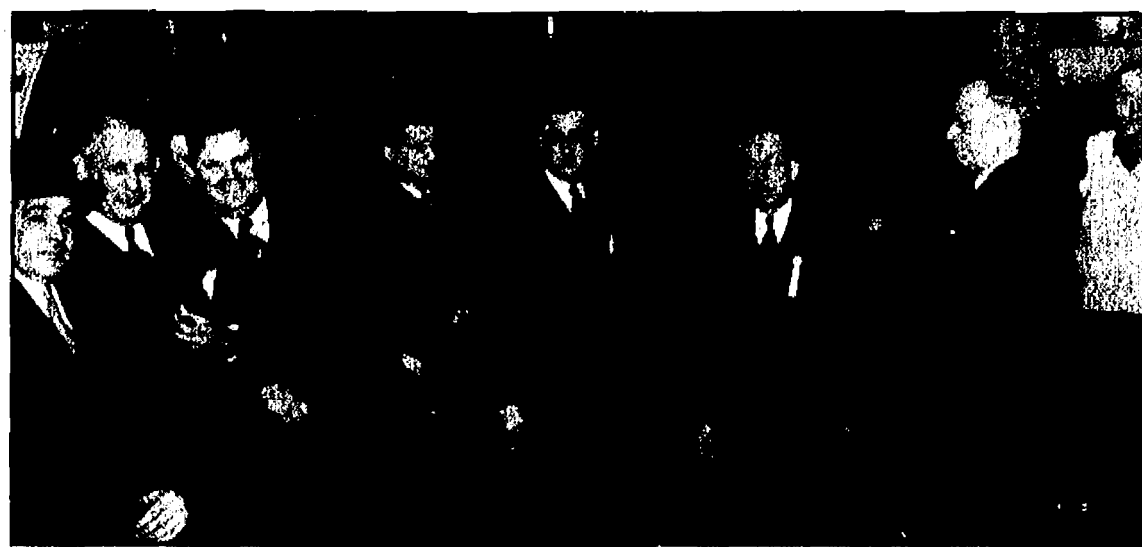
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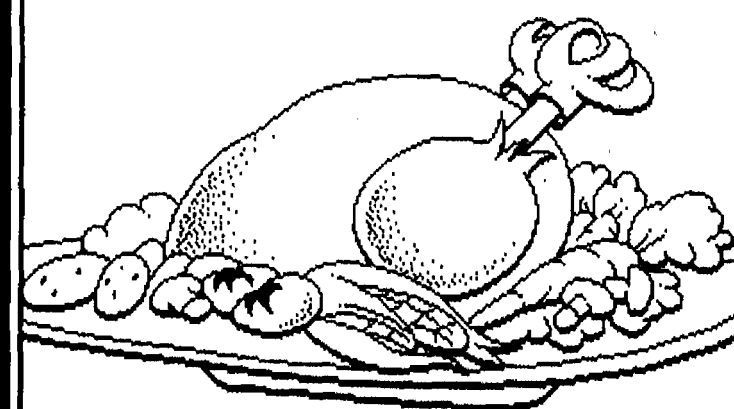


I thought this might be of interest to your readers. The above picture is of a "Press Banquet" which was held in Grayling on February 25, 1939. The back of the photograph identified some of the gentlemen pictured (l to r) as: unknown, Esbern Hanson, Long Nelson, Halges Peterson, T. P. Peterson, O. P. Schumann and the last two are unknown. My grandfather, O.P. Schumann, was the owner and editor of the Avalanche during the '30s and early '40s. He and his wife had three daughters, Mary Schumann Bauer (1912-1999), who was my mother, Eleanore Schumann Smith and Helen Schumann Wilkinson.

C. John Bauer
Nashville, Tenn.

Happy Thanksgiving holiday!

The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and re-open at 9 am Friday, Nov. 28



Briefs

Church to hold musical program

The Community of Christ Church will hold a musical program on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m. The program will feature the Michelson Singers, Don Ledger, Brian Ashton and many more.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Executive Committee of the Crawford County Democrats will meet on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse, to elect officers for 2009-2010. The meeting will be open to nominations from the floor.

Legion to hold party for children

The American Legion's Children's Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 13. Anyone wishing to donate unwrapped toys for boys and girls, or cash, can drop items off at the Legion before Dec. 12.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Ernie Dawson from Flowers By Josie will present a program on holiday evergreen arrangements. There will also be a cookie swap. For more information, call 348-8519.

GHS hosts Kids Night Out

The GHS sophomore class of 2011 will host Kids Night Out on Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Grayling High School. This is for children ages 5 - 12. There will be moon bounce, sports, face painting and more. The cost is \$5 per child. Registration forms are available at the offices of the AuSable Valley Primary School, the Grayling Elementary School and the Grayling High School.

GMS to host parent workshop

Grayling Middle School will host the "Talk Early & Talk Often" parent workshop on Friday, Dec. 5, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the GMS Media Center. The "Talk Early & Talk Often" is an initiative of Governor Jennifer Granholm. It is a two hour long workshop to assist parents of middle school youth to help develop skills necessary to talk with their child about abstinence and sexuality. This program is free, but space is limited. Call Jane Osga at 344-3562 or Cheryl Kercher at 344-3558 to reserve a spot.

Kiwanis to hold coat drive

The Grayling Kiwanis is holding a coat drive for all ages, and will also accept hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. Location of the drop boxes are Citizens Bank, Chemical Bank, NCACU, Riverland, Glen's and Kmart. All donations need to be new, or slightly used and cleaned, and will be picked up by Kiwanis members and given to the Christian Help Center or to families in the community. For more information, contact Tom Cox at Glen's market who is the president of the Kiwanis club and chair of this event.

Choir boosters cancel meeting

The Grayling High School Choir Boosters meeting scheduled for Dec. 4 has been cancelled.

Vet's Tree of Love to benefit shelter

They're furry, they're friendly, they're homeless ... and they need your help. That's why the Grayling Hospital for Animals (GHFA) will be collecting needed items to help the dogs and cats at AuSable Valley Animal Shelter in Grayling this holiday season.

A "Tree of Love" has been set up at the veterinary hospital with a collection area to draw attention to the needs of the shelter and to coincide with GHFA's holiday theme, "While visions of loving homes danced in their heads."

"The Tree of Love will give our clients and the public an opportunity to help the shelter staff take good care of the dogs and cats awaiting adoption," said GHFA practice manager Shirley Sanders. "All items donated will go to the shelter this Christmas."

Shelter Director Cheryl Postma was asked by GHFA to compile a "Christmas Wish List." These items are very much in need and will help greatly to defray the costs of operations at the new facility.

Items needed are: flea control drops and shampoo (dog and cat), dog shampoo (or baby shampoo), liquid laundry detergent, liquid bleach, small blankets/throws, doggy

beds, window cleaning solution (to keep the new cat room windows shiny), paper towels, dry dog food (Pedigree Adult Small Crunchy Bites or Purina brands), dry kitten and cat food (Science Diet or Whiskas), unscented inexpensive clay cat litter, dog and cat treats and toys, first aid supplies (gauze, tape, antibiotic ointment, colex), a small baby or pet scale, two or three foot rubber backed throw rugs, a snow fence and a small snow pusher to help clear the outdoor kennel area.

"We are so grateful for all the support we receive from the Grayling Hospital for Animals," said shelter President Sharon Priebe. "This is just one more way they help us fulfill our commitment to treat animals with kindness and to meet their needs."

Postma said monetary donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at GHFA or the shelter, or mailed to: AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384. Shelter questions may be directed to 989-348-4117.

Grayling Hospital for Animals is located at 5806 W. M-72 Hwy. in Grayling. For more information about the Tree of Love program, call GHFA at 989-348-8622.

Celebrate Christmas at the shelter

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter in Grayling invites everyone to attend two special events this holiday season.

Pet Photos with Santa will be held Saturday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary and people are welcome to join their pets for the sitting. A package of photos will be available for a donation of \$25. Individual photo options will also be available.

On Friday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m., join the shelter staff and volunteers for the 2nd Annual Paws to Cherish tree lighting ceremony to celebrate the animals that have brought such joy into our lives. For a donation of \$5, honor a pet by placing a "Paws to Cherish" ornament on the shelter's Christmas tree, generously donated again by the Scott McClain family.

Pre-order ornaments by filling out a form at the shelter, the Crawford County Avalanche, Xpress Copy Center or at 7 Eleven in Grayling. You may also print out a form from our Web site at www.ausable-valleyanimalshelter.org. If you cannot attend, our shelter volunteers will be happy to place the ornament on the tree in your pet's honor. Ornaments will also be available the day of the event. Upon request, the shelter will mail out ornaments following the event for arrival in time for Christmas.

Test your water - natural arsenic deposits found in Michigan

If you're on city water, the city tests your water several times a year to ensure it's safe for consumption. People who are not on city water have to test their own water to make sure it's safe to drink. When asked if they have tested their water recently, most people say something like "Yep, we tested it when we put the well in about 10 years ago."

The notion that drinking water is safe once it's been tested is dangerous and can lull the homeowner into a false sense of security. Groundwater moves slowly through the aquifer and by the time a year has passed, the water you are drinking is not the same water that you tested a year ago. That may have been enough time for your neighbor's leaking septic system or something worse to contaminate your drinking water.

The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program recommends yearly tests for coliform bacteria and partial chemistry (which includes fluoride, chloride, hardness, nitrate, nitrite, sulfate, sodium and iron). It is also recommended to test for arsenic.

Arsenic is found on the periodic table of the elements, it is a semi-metal element. It's odorless and tasteless and can enter drinking water supplies from agricultural and industrial practices as well as from erosion of natural arsenic deposits in the earth.

Effects of arsenic poisoning can include thickening and discoloration of the skin, stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhea, numbness in hands and feet, partial paralysis and blindness. Arsenic has also been linked to cancer of the bladder, lungs, skin, kidney, nasal passages, liver and prostate.

The maximum contaminant level for arsenic is 10 parts per billion.

Test kits for drinking water can be obtained at

"We are so proud of what we do at our shelter and welcome everyone to come out for this celebration of the pets that have touched our lives, both past and present," said Shelter Director Cheryl Postma. "Help us decorate and light up this very special tree and help us raise funds to care for our homeless dogs and cats at the shelter."

The shelter is open at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sundays and holidays. The staff invites the public to come in and see all the wonderful, affordable gifts available to surprise both your two-legged and four-legged friends at Christmas.

There are collars, leashes, bandannas, pet beds and pet toys, all donated to help raise funds for the shelter. For people gifts, there are note cards with artwork donated by local artist Kim Diment and board games (Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Puppy-Opoly and more).

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at 5786 Fairground Lane in Grayling, at the old fairgrounds on Old US-27, just a few miles north of town. Turn left after the big sign. For more information, call the shelter at 989-348-4117. Donations may be sent to: AVAS, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384. AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.




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The Bible Speaks

Christian Hope Results

Last week we studied the reality of hope in Romans 8:24: 4For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" Today, we shall study the results of hope in Romans 8:25: "25But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

First, hope possesses procurable promises from God. "But if we hope for that we see not..." "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." (2 Cor. 1:20). "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." (Tit. 1:2). God is "...of purer eyes than to behold evil..." (Hab. 1:13). Our hope is in a holy God who cannot lie and His promises cannot fail.

Second, hope produces patience - "...then do we with patience wait..." "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." (Rom. 15:4). "For we through the Spirit wait for

the hope of righteousness by faith." (Gal. 5:5). Our patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is also described in 1 Thessalonians 1:3.

Third, hope produces perseverance, we "...wait for it..." "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD." (Lam. 3:26). In the perilous sea of life we can wait for deliverance and rest upon the anchor of hope. "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." (Heb. 6:19).

Fourth, hope produces purity. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (1 John 3:3). "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." (1 Pet. 1:15,16).

Fifth, hope produces praise. "But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more." (Psalm 71:14). Even in discouragement, the Psalmist taught us in Psalm 43:5: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."

Sixth, hope produces

pleasure or joy and rejoicing. "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD." (Psalm 146:5). "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:2). "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (Romans 15:13).

Seventh, hope produces powerful public profession. As Peter said in 1 Peter 3:15: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." "Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech." (2 Cor. 3:12). Hope gives us holy boldness as Romans 5:1-5 reminded us. We grow in hope through tribulation, patience and experience to confidently share God's love abroad. Pastor "B"

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Church Directory

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.mumc.org - Barrie Free

Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 10 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909

Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable
off M-72 East (1st building on right inside
camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Lanny Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Web Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: John Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466

Sunday School 9:30 am
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Pastor: Dale Hammond

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Minister: Terry Dickinson
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study
available at thred@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor: James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Patric - (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth
Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
(van transportation available)

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751

Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
Parish Office - 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657

Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850

Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
reslifeccenter.com
Phone: (989) 348-1000

Sunday Service 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm
E-mail: reslifeccellowship@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)
(989) 348-5921

Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8 7:30 am

Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service
Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor: Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor: John Scott

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Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
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Sunday School 9 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm
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Pastor: David Barker
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(231) 258-3448

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(Wednesday) 7 pm

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Sunday School 9 am
Morning Worship 10 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Grayling Valley Church of God
Pastor: Gary Thompson
(989) 422-3464 - (989) 344-0883

Meetings held at Ramada Inn
Sunday Night Potluck 5 pm
Sunday Service 6 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints**
President: David Stephenson
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood Noon
Relief Society Noon

Obituaries

Valera M. Ferguson

Valera M. Ferguson, 91, of Valrico, Fla., formerly of Harrison, passed away on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at Sun City Hospice House in Ruskin, Fla.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Jack E. Ferguson on September 15, 1935, in Hundred, W.Va. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1989.

She had resided in Harrison since 1941, coming from Mannington, W.Va. She moved to Valrico from Harrison in 2008.

She was a life member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 408 of Harrison and a member of the First Congregational Church of Harrison.

She loved traveling, golfing, bowling, helping with church activities and was very active in her bridge club.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Beverly Rose and husband Doug of Harrison; two loving sons, Donald Ferguson and wife Joanne of Grayling, David Ferguson and wife Kathy of Sarasota, Fla.; sister, Shirley Michael and husband John of Chelsea; brother-in-law, Harold Huey of Glen Allen, Va.; five grandchildren: Timothy Ferguson, Jack Rose and wife Beth, Shelley Sgrazutti and husband Steve, Nick Ferguson and wife Sara and Eric Ferguson and wife Tamara; five great-grandchildren: Amanda Sgrazutti, Anthony Sgrazutti, Douglas A. Rose, Bradley Rose and Nikki Rose; many nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, E.P. Huey.

A funeral service was held on November 22, at Stocking Funeral Home in Harrison, with Rev. Gerald Baxter officiating.

Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Harrison.

An Order of Eastern Star memorial service was conducted on November 21, under the Auspices of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 408 of Harrison.

Memorial contributions in memory of Mrs. Ferguson may be sent to: Life Path Hospice-Sun City Hospice House.

Condolences may be sent to www.stockingfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison.

Richard L. Williams

Richard Lee Williams, 57, of Grayling, passed away on Friday, November 21, 2008.

He was born in Goodrich, on December 28, 1950, to the late Richard Lewis and Helen May (Ervin) Williams.

He served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant during the Vietnam Era.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Williams; daughters, Cassandra Lee and Cheyenne Casey Williams; and brother, Harold Williams.

A memorial service, with military honors, was held on November 25 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Interment will be at a later time at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Florence Kincheloe

Florence Ida Kincheloe, 95, of Frederic, passed away on November 21, 2008.

A funeral mass was held on Wednesday, November 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Marshall Spencer

Marshall Spencer, 80, of Grayling, passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2008.

A full obituary will appear in the next edition of the Avalanche.

No services are planned.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 84 complaints the week of Nov. 17 - Nov. 23.

Two missing persons, 18 general non-criminal complaints, six false alarm activations, one aggravated assault-other, two burglaries/home invasions, one larceny, one larceny from yard, one stolen property, two damage to properties, one marijuana-possession, eight public peace/disorderlies, two health and safeties, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, 19 traffic accidents, four accidents-non-traffic, one accident-fire, seven family troubles-domestic, five suspicious situations and one driving violation/driving while license suspended.

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Card of Thanks

Now that I am back home recovering, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank my family and all of my friends for the beautiful flowers, cards and most importantly your prayers.

Aileen Pond

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Nov. 28 - Closed.

Monday, Dec 1 - Lunch - beef ravioli, broccoli, mixed vegetables and applesauce. Dinner - Swiss steak, baked potato, asparagus and pears. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back On Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Lunch - shepherd's pie, cauliflower, grapes and honey nut apples. Dinner - salmon patties with cream sauce, peas and carrots, green beans and peaches. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 - Lunch - deluxe hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, O'Brien potatoes and mandarin oranges. Dinner - stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, carrots, pears and brownies. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Price is Right game show.

Thursday, Dec. 4 - Lunch - lemon pepper chicken over noodles, carrots, winter blend vegetables and fresh fruit medley. Dinner - chicken pot pie, Brussels sprouts and oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. craft class, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hanging of the Greens, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range Firing

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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November 30, the fifth anniversary of Roger Hatfield's "Homegoing."

We miss him every day, remembering how much he loved all of us, his friends, his home, the great outdoors. We miss his great sense of humor, his stories, his laughter, the fun with his beloved grandkids. He was an awesome dad, husband, brother, "Poppy" and friend. But God's love is our comfort, and we know we'll be together again.

To all who knew him in this life...
picture Roger laughing on the 'Glory-side'
and hoping to greet YOU there someday.

Roger's Family,
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Workgroup to study ORV ordinance following hearing

Continued from 1A

Ruth and John Chad, who live off of Manistee River Road, said they would like to take day and overnight trips with their family for hunting, fishing and camping. Currently, the Chads live near a designated ORV trail which they have to take their machines on a trailer to access. John Chad said he would like to have connections between the current ORV loops.

"It's just senseless to have these trails that go nowhere," John Chad said.

Gladys Blossfeld, a South Branch Township resident who lives off of Stephan Bridge Road, said she fears damage to the roads, trespassing and noise from ORV users riding late at night.

"Stephan Bridge Road looks like pothole city and we're going to start having ORVs travel on the shoulder of the roads," she said.

Gary Summers, a Beaver Creek Township trustee, said he also fears trespassing on private property if there is no planned network to connect the trails.

"They are going to be riding up and down the roads and they're just

going to spider off," Summers said.

Tory Trudo, who lives near Pinconning, said she would like a trail network that would allow her family to ride all the way to property they own in Crawford County. Trudo said that access to gas stations and restaurants was also important and that night riding is also popular among ORV users.

"We do ride late at night because that's the best riding," Trudo said. "There are not a lot of people out there."

Alan Diodore, a member of the AuSable/Manistee Action Council, questioned if there was enough law enforcement to deal with trespassing on state and military land.

"I don't know if Sheriff (Kirk) Wakefield has enough merry men to cover all of this," Diodore said.

Keith Miles, a member of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association board and co-owner of Fay's Motel, suggested reconvening a trails workgroup, formed by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, to study the ORV ordinance. "We need to see what's

doable and what isn't," Miles said.

Susan Thiel, manager of the DNR's Grayling forest management unit, said she has fielded a ton of calls from ORV enthusiasts since the state law passed. Thiel said that DNR conservation officers and state troopers would ticket people if they ride on un-designated state land, but could not enforce the county ordinance.

"It has to be all of us working together as a networked trail system," Thiel said.

Dick Ranney, a legislative director for the American Motorcycle Association, said 17 northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula Counties have already passed ORV ordinances. An additional seven counties are considering ordinances.

Ranney said there is state funds established to create more ORV trails. Ranney said that local and state officials could promote a networked trail system like West Virginia, which is known as an "ORV Mecca" in that part of the country.

"We have a product that has never been promoted and never marketed,"

Ranney said. "It's a rolling factory looking for a place to stop and spend a few days."

Ranney said that ORV enthusiasts give local gas stations, restaurants and hotels a needed boost.

"The dollars from the local ORV riders are just as critical as the people who come up on the weekend," he said.

Hanson said the earliest an ORV ordinance would be passed is by spring.

"It is our goal here in Crawford County to do this ordinance right," Hanson said. "We want to make it safe for all users if we do pass it, so people stay out of trouble."

Under the state law, the Crawford County Road Commission and the townships can opt to close 30 percent of the roads in their jurisdiction from ORV travel.

Hanson said signed trails, the production of trail maps and education would be followed by strict enforcement of the ordinance.

"If everybody starts running amuck throughout the county, we won't have any other choice but to shut the whole thing down," Hanson said.

Christmas Village helps roll in the holiday spirit

Continued from 1A

The family Christmas Village tradition dates back over two decades and was started by Goodale's mother, Caroline, who passed away in August 1999. Caroline collected ceramic buildings with a Christmas theme and believed that the holiday should be celebrated year-round instead of just one day a year.

Keeping with the family legacy and a childhood love for model trains, the Christmas Village has sprawled to take up four rooms in the Goodale home.

"My mother always loved Christmas," Loren Goodale Jr. said. "She always wondered why Christmas was only celebrated on one day, one month and one week a year. We now have it set up to celebrate it year-round."

Over the past year, the father and son have spent hours transforming an area, set up as a train rail yard where extra model trains and cars were stored, into a farm. The windows for a wall in the home were covered in order to keep cars and engines on mounted shelving units. The Goodales have nearly enough model train cars with a Christmas theme to fill the new shelves, but some of the equipment is on tracks that run between the two areas of their home.

Unlike farmland that gets gobbled up by urban sprawl, the farm area in the Goodale's Christmas Village took over the entire rail yard.

"Our farm took over a rail yard, but I don't know if that ever happens in the real world," Loren Goodale III said.

There are several animals and figurines in the Christmas Village farm, including a man pulling a Christmas tree on a sled, a horse drawn sled and kids playing in the snow.

Loren Goodale Jr., who started collecting model

trains in 1945, said his mother would be proud of the variety of ceramic buildings and trains they have incorporated into the holiday display. The display, which was kept on a sheet of plywood 10 years ago with one small train, has grown to being kept on permanent display platforms. People and automobiles, including a police car, a taxi cab and an ice cream truck, are on the streets running between the homes. There is even a construction area with workers, barricades and a bulldozer in the village. The hundreds of feet of track runs between the two rooms where the trains are kept, which is connected by a tunnel between the halls. Shelves mounted on the walls hold train cars with logos from NASCAR, candy companies, snack companies and beverage companies.

In all, there are 462 houses and other fixtures in the Christmas Village.

"I'm not saying before the open house that it won't change," Loren Goodale III said.

There is even a Rialto Theater in the Christmas Village.

"I had to have a Rialto Theater because that is a big part of Grayling," he said.

The Goodales are always keeping a watchful eye out for new stuff when they go to model train shows, swap meets and while they are shopping. They also belong to a number of collector clubs and organizations.

After the busy summer tourism season at the bakery, the Goodales focus on

arranging and shuffling their display of buildings and trains.

During the open house, Loren Goodale Jr. serves as the main host while Loren Goodale III remains perched in a back corner, operating the train controls. The trains have authentic sounds and there is even a caboose that plays Christmas carols.

Loren Goodale III said he enjoys seeing the look in the eyes of the young and the old alike when they witness some of the intricate features in the display and that it's like being a parent watching children on Christmas morning.


"The look on people's faces, when they haven't seen it before, is great," he said. "There's something for everybody."

Loren Goodale III said it is heart warming when he hears they inspire other people to set up their own trains around their Christmas trees after witnessing the Christmas Village.

"Trains are meant to be used," he said. "They're not meant to be stored away."

Cash or donations of can goods for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center are being accepted to view the Goodale's Christmas Village.

"It's sharing our hobby with other people and trying to do a little something for the Christian Help



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Farmers talking (Michigan) turkey this season

by Charles Rolttsch
 Capital News Service

When you sit down to eat turkey this Thanksgiving, do you ask where it came from? Chances are, it could be from right here in Michigan.

Of the top Michigan agricultural commodities, turkey ranks 15th, according to Jennifer Holton, public information officer for the Department of Agriculture.

Meanwhile, Michigan State University researchers are exploring ways to raise a stronger and healthier bird.

Most Michigan turkeys come from the Grand Rapids-based Michigan Turkey Producers Cooperative, a collective of 16 farmers in Allegan, Ottawa, Kent and Barry counties who share process-

ing costs. Turkey sales earn farmers \$115 million a year, according to George House, executive director of Ada-based Michigan Allied Poultry, an industry group.

"Somewhere between 25 and 40 percent of Thanksgiving turkeys consumed in Michigan are from Michigan farmers," House said. "The rest come from either North and South Carolina or Minnesota, the nation's top turkey producer."

House said the climate in the Carolinas is favorable all year long, eliminating the need for high-cost heated buildings to raise turkeys. Minnesota is close to Iowa corn, and grows much of its own, which is the primary feed for turkeys.

The average American ate

17.5 pounds of turkey last year.

Turkey production has remained stable. "We've been producing about 5 million turkeys annually for the past few years," he said. "And we don't see any reason that it would change."

Last year, the U.S. produced 272 million turkeys, Michigan raised just under 2 percent of them, ranking 14th in the nation. Michigan processed 171 million pounds of turkey, according to Darrin Karcher, poultry specialist for MSU Extension.

There could be changes ahead in the way the birds are raised.

"Over the years, farmers have bred turkeys to grow very fast, sacrificing skeletal strength," he said. "This has

led to insufficient support for the body. In the last five weeks of a turkey's development, one percent of them die every week.

"I'm performing a research project on turkey bone integrity," Karcher said. "We're cutting the proteins and fat they consume to slow growth. That will hopefully lead to increased strength in the tibia and femur."

The \$50,000 project is aimed at identifying an age range farmers can use to slow growth to help their leg bones develop.

After 15 weeks, most turkeys have leg problems that may lead to death, he said. Better bone integrity would lead to stronger turkeys and more cost-effective production.

RHS students raise money for River House

Stephanie Mitchell and Jaina Schank, Roscommon High School seniors, adopted River House for their senior project. The two students went through the agency's volunteer training and volunteered their time working with the children in the shelter.

They also organized a coin drive that included all of the students at the high school and raised \$582 for the shelter.

"What an inspiration these girls are. They truly put their hearts and a lot of hard work into this project," said Kriss Goodroe, Executive Director at River House.

"We are also very thankful for the generosity of all the students at Roscommon High School," said Goodroe.

River House is a domestic violence agency which serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence and homelessness in Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties.



Stephanie Mitchell (left) and Jaina Schank (right), students at RHS, conducted a coin drive at their school to raise funds for River House shelter as part of their senior project.

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Economy hits northeast Michigan hard

by Courtney Bowerman
Capital News Service

Businesses across Michigan have been hurt by economic woes, but none have suffered more than small businesses, especially those in northeastern Michigan, experts say.

"The revenue is down, people aren't spending much and there's not enough money to go around," said Frank Starkweather, executive director of the Gladwin County Economic Development Corp.

Small businesses in rural northeastern Lower Michigan are hit the hardest by these problems because they are geographically isolated from the rest of the state, according to Lee Shirey, executive director of Target Alpena Development Corp. For example, local restaurants are struggling the most, especially ones without support from a franchise, he said.

"People are cutting back on money for gas," Shirey said. "They also cut discretionary spending and spend more time cooking at home. There's no new money, so rural areas are basically recycling money."

The lack of state support for entrepreneurship is

another crucial factor in the decline of small businesses, Starkweather said. More people are buying from large, well-known corporate outlets, mainly because they tend to sell products at cheaper prices.

In addition, Starkweather said there aren't many loans or business education opportunities for people interested in starting their own businesses.

"Intellectual arrogance is coming out of the big schools," said President Rob Fowler of the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM). "They want to prepare students to become big CEOs. They feel like entrepreneurship is unworthy of them. Central Michigan University is the only university where you can get a degree in entrepreneurship."

"The irony is that people can work for large companies for a comfortable life, but there aren't many of those left. They sucked the entrepreneurial spirit out of this place."

Yet some businesses manage to thrive. Shirey pointed out that those in the service and health care sectors are doing well in Alpena and other areas with a large elderly population.

Some restaurants also keep

their customers by providing good service and making sure their prices don't increase significantly enough to turn off customers.

"We take pride in what we do," said Jessica Hatch, manager of the family-owned Take 5 Deli in Alpena. "When our costs go up, we try to shop around to get cheaper things. We don't increase our prices too much because we want our customers to come back. If we increase prices slowly, it's not a big shock to them."

Other successful small businesses in the Gladwin area include retailers that sell to other parts of the state and country.

Fowler said that more rural businesses should attempt such a strategy to improve their sales.

"Every economy needs something that imports money," he said. "Rural communities have struggled with that. They can't just trade with each other."

Starkweather said there needs to be a change in the state government and the public's attitude toward entrepreneurs to help more small businesses. His suggestions include giving more affordable loans to potential entrepreneurs and getting schools to do a better job

teaching about business - not just about large corporations.

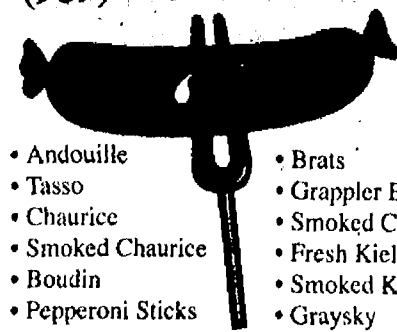
"Every county in Michigan needs to support entrepreneurs and train them any way we can," he said. "We haven't been honoring people that try to start out."

SBAM is also working to increase state support for entrepreneurship through a "gardening" approach: encouraging people to start businesses and nurture them long enough to become profitable. Fowler said it also aims to improve education by building interest in developing the work force and pushing for higher standards and skills for jobs. For example, an "economic gardening pilot project" is underway to spread and aid entrepreneurs in Tuscola and Keweenaw counties. The project will send business development experts to research the potential for growth and the needs of local small businesses, using the results to help them grow. If successful, such projects may not only help Michigan, but also the rest of the United States, SBAM said.

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State borrows to cover unemployment benefits

by Nico Rubello
Capital News Service

When the Dura Automotive Systems Inc. plant in Mancelona laid off about 300 employees this summer, Rick Churchill was among those who lost their jobs, and consequently, their health care benefits.

"I worked there 23 years and it had never been an issue before," said Churchill. "I'm just waiting to see if I pick up a job real soon."

If Churchill applies for unemployment benefits, something he said he's considering, he won't have to worry about the state's unemployment insurance benefits drying up, according to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth. That's despite a recent report from a policy group saying the state trust fund is facing

insolvency.

According to the National Employment Law Project (NELP) in New York, which advocates for low-wage workers, Michigan is one of 10 states paying more in benefits than it had saved in its unemployment insurance trust fund.

But the amount of benefits won't change, said Norman Isotalo, a department communications specialist in Detroit.

"For unemployed workers in the state, regardless of the status of the trust fund, we will borrow money from the U.S. Department of Labor in order to ensure there are funds to pay unemployment benefits," he said.

Consequently, employers will see an increase in federal unemployment insurance taxes, Isotalo said. The tax hike will help repay the

state's federal loan.

"We are paying out more in benefits than we've covered in our trust fund," said NELP Midwest coordinator Rick McHugh. "As a result, we've had to draw on these loans to continue to pay benefits."

Michigan's unemployment insurance fund deficit is the result of the bad economy and mismanagement by the state, he added.

In 2007, the state collected \$1.5 billion in unemployment insurance taxes and paid out \$1.8 billion in benefits.

The state should have raised unemployment insurance payroll taxes when economic times were good to prepare for imminent economic recessions, McHugh said.

In Grand Traverse County, the number of unemploy-

ment claims increased from 4,553 in 2006 to 4,687 in 2007, according to Labor and Economic Growth.

So far this year, more than 3,300 claims in Grand Traverse County and 385,000 claims statewide have been filed.

In Leelanau County, 946 claims were filed in 2006, 934 in 2007 and more than 641 so far this year.

The state's monthly average number of claims increased from 46,815 in 2006 and 45,262 in 2007 to 48,315 as of Sept. 30, 2008.

Michigan's unemployment rate, the highest in the nation, reached 8.9 percent in August, with 439,000 unemployed.

Isotalo said the increase in the number of jobless workers, along with a lower taxable base, contributed to the fund's shortfall.

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Health department wins award for Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Project

District Health Department #10 is a recipient of the 2008 Michigan Department of Community Health Director's Award, presented at the Premier Public Health Conference on Oct. 15 in Kalamazoo. There to accept the honor, that included a \$1,500 cash award, were Board of Health Commissioners Evelyn Kolbe and Jim Clark.

The Director's Award is conferred annually to local health departments demonstrating innovation and excellence in public health. The Colorectal Cancer Early Detection Project of District Health Department #10 received special recognition for its work in partnering with local community health care providers and for its successful case management component that resulted in a 70 percent return rate for screening tests.

Colorectal cancer is the

third most common cancer in both men and women, and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, according to the National Cancer Institute. Only lung cancer causes more cancer-related deaths. In 2006, six of the ten counties within District Health Department #10 - Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason and Mecosta counties - had rates of deaths from colorectal cancer that were higher than the state average.

The Colorectal Cancer Screening Program is funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health. "Colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable cancers when precancerous cells are detected early. We are very pleased to have this program and we would like to thank Mercy Hospital-Grayling and Dr. K. Ramaswamy for partnering with us to serve our Crawford County resi-

dents," said Dr. James Wilson, Medical Director of the Health Department.

Colorectal cancer is a slow-growing cancer that evolves over an estimated 10 years. The exact causes are not known, but it is more likely to occur as people get older, in persons with certain intestinal conditions or with close relatives who have had colorectal cancer. Currently recommended screening tests help detect precancerous polyps that have a high probability of leading to colorectal cancer. These polyps can then be removed during colonoscopy.

The Michigan Cancer Consortium recommends annual screening for colorectal cancer for all persons aged 50 years and older. Early detection leads to a significant 90 percent survival rate, compared to only 10 percent if diagnosed after the disease has progressed. To find out more,

visit www.michigan-cancer.org.

The Colorectal Cancer Screening Program provides fecal occult blood tests, colonoscopy, or both, depending on level of risk as determined by a screening questionnaire. In the past year, the Health Department has enrolled 473 individuals in the program. Out of 64 who completed recommended colonoscopy, 27 were found to have precancerous conditions.

The program is open to both men and women who are aged 50-64 years, reside in Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, or Wexford counties and are uninsured or under-insured. To find out more or to enroll, contact your local office of District Health Department #10. In Crawford County, call 989-348-7800.

KCC board approves changes to residency policy

Potential students considering moving closer to Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon won't have to wait long to benefit from less expensive in-district tuition rates.

The KCC Board of Trustees recently unani-

mously approved a policy change eliminating what had been a five-month waiting period before new residents could qualify for in-district rates. With the policy change, approved at the Oct. 16 board meeting, new residents can qualify for in-district rates immediately prior to the start of a semester in which they are able to prove residency.

Tonya Clayton, an administrative assistant for Kirtland's Department of Admissions, told board members at their September meeting that the old policy was difficult to manage efficiently, with the college sometimes having to deny a student in-district rates, even though they might have moved into the area and considered themselves as "residents" of the district.

"It's all types of different situations," Clayton said. "We've lost students because of this rule."

Clayton added potential students often struggled to understand why they might not qualify for in-district rates or why they might have to wait to do so.

"We're making a lot of people unhappy," said Stacey Barnes, dean of student services at Kirtland. "It happens often enough where we feel there's a bigger concern there."

Board members agreed that the residency policy needed to be changed.

Trustee Richard Silverman said the benefit of the new, updated policy is it might help Kirtland recruit students from a larger area, as they move within the college's tax district to benefit from lower tuition rates.

Kirtland's tax district is comprised of six K-12 school districts, including Crawford-AuSable, Fairview Area, Gerrish-Higgins, Houghton Lake, Mio-AuSable and West Branch-Rose City schools. Those boundaries include all or parts of nine counties - Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties.

"When you're establishing signature programs and online programs, to recruit

(students), you have to review this policy," said KCC President Dr. Thomas Quinn.

A potential student will still need to have acceptable proof of residency, such as a valid driver's license or state identification card, rent receipt, voter's registration card or property tax receipt before qualifying for in-district rates. An out-of-district student may also be considered for in-district rates if they can provide tax receipts that show taxes being paid to the college, as long as the property is owned by the student or the student is a dependent of the person who owns the property.

"This is a very sound policy that will make our regional programs more attractive and affordable once a person lives in this district," Silverman said.

The new policy will be effective for the start of the 2009 winter semester, with classes officially starting on Jan. 10, 2009.

For more information, visit online at www.kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, ext. 284.

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Health Department Community Calendar

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for December.

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Immunization clinics: Dec. 3 and 17 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: Dec. 2, 5 and 19. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: Dec. 4, 11, 12, 15, 18, 22 and 29. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for Dec. 9 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Library News

The new Sit n' Knit club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. Knitters are encouraged to join and bring along a project that you are currently working on. The club will meet the first Thursday of every month for two hours of fun, idea sharing and new friends. For additional information, call 348-9214.

The final Cyber Teen Revolution event will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. There will be a pizza party to celebrate the teens that successfully completed this internet safety program. In addition, the evening will include Survivor games, Guitar Hero, D.D.R. and prizes. To sign up or for more information, contact Connie Meyer at 348-9214.

Honors

Hope College
Orland Dami, a Hope College junior from Grayling, served as a freshman play morale coach on the Nykerk committee.

The Nykerk Cup competition, an annual Hope College tradition since 1936, involves freshman and sophomore women competing in the areas of song, oration and drama. Participants practice for three and a half weeks before the competition. The freshman and sophomore teams are coached by juniors and seniors respectively. Moralers, men of the same graduation class as the women, encourage the teams in their efforts. This year, the freshman class of 2012 won the competition.

Dami is the son of Orland and Sandy Dami of Grayling. He is a 2006

graduate of Grayling High School.

Military News



Scott Rich

Officer Scott Rich of Camp Lehman was presented with an award on Nov. 6 from the Camp Grayling Military Base, where he has worked as a Public Works Supervisor for the last 14 months. Rich was instrumental in developing and completing numerous projects at the military base. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Major Bernard Peters.

An excerpt from the Certificate of Appreciation states, "Through your leadership and vision, the improvements to the Convoy Commander's Reaction Course have

made it one of the best in the nation. Your dedication to our mission has made you an integral part of the success of Operations and Range Control and the Joint Maneuver Training Center."

Rich is a 22 year veteran of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Officer Rich is leaving the Public Works Supervisor position at the military base for a promotion within the department.

Grayling Police Report

Grayling City Police Chief reports the department handled the following complaints during the period of Nov. 9 - Nov. 16:

One civil infraction citation, one civil complaint, three alarm complaints, two larceny complaints, two juvenile complaints, one disturbance complaint, one domestic violence situation, one animal control situation, one check law violation, two city ordinance violations, two motorist assists, one personal property accident, two stalking harassment complaints, one suspicious situation, one MDOP, one embezzlement situation and 24 unclassified complaints.

Honors

Rebecca Marie Hunt, a 2001 Grayling High School graduate, graduated with honors from Michigan State University School of Law in May 2008. She was recently informed that she passed the Michigan Bar Examination.

She is employed and resides in southwest Michigan.

She is the daughter of Douglas and Marilyn Hunt of Grayling.

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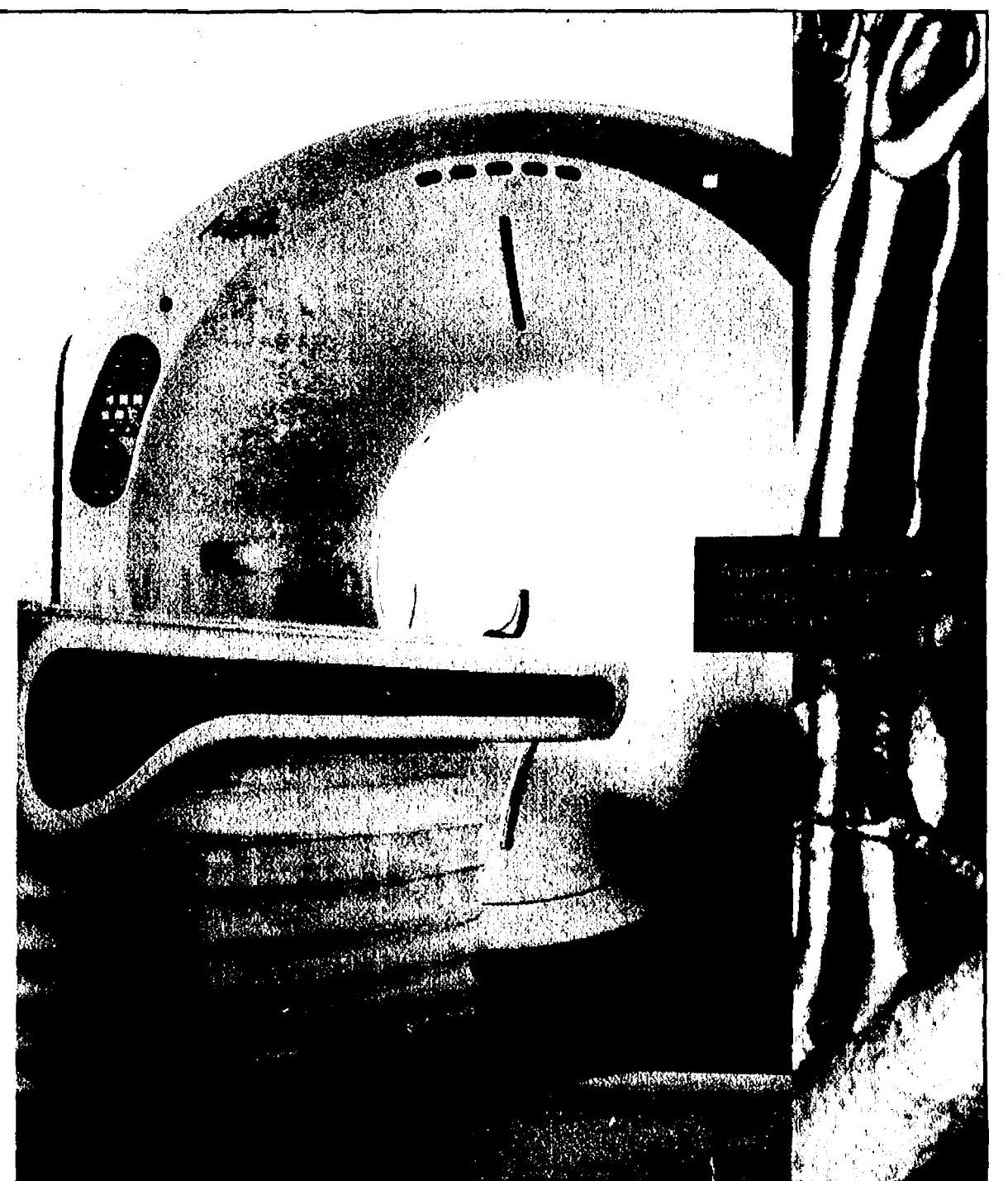
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Teresa Jean Heck, age 37 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 21, 2008, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$830 in fines or serve 83 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Randy Avery Turner, age 54 of Hemlock - Sentenced on Oct. 21, 2008, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$510 in fines or serve 51 days in jail; placed on

probation for 123 days.

Travis James Mackinnon, age 22 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 14, 2008, for disorderly person/drunken; ordered to serve two days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$465 in fines or serve 46 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Craig Lee Meyers, age 37 of Owosso - Sentenced on Oct. 14, 2008, for disorderly person/drunken; ordered to pay \$465 in fines or serve 46 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Rebecca Elaine Hart, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 14, 2008, for retail fraud third degree; ordered to pay \$380 in fines and \$2.58 in restitution or serve

38 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Glenn Harry Krater, age 47 of Lansing - Sentenced on Oct. 14, 2008, for controlled substance possession of marijuana and operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for five days served; ordered to pay \$1,780 in fines or serve 178 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Kenneth Ryan Bindschattel, age 34 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 14, 2008, for impaired driving; ordered to pay \$510 in fines or serve 51 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Morris Roy Pollazek, age 58 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Oct. 7, 2008, for sex offenders-failure to

comply with reporting; ordered to pay \$990 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Jordan Elliot Skutt, age 23 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Oct. 21, 2008, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$910 in fines or serve 91 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Laura Elizabeth Bale, age 26 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 28, 2008, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,260 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Shawn Michael Vanduin, age 27 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 21, 2008, for attempt police assault/resist/obstruct and retail fraud second degree; ordered to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 40 days served; ordered to pay \$1,250 in fines or serve 120 days in jail.

Harry Wellington Argue, age 43 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 31, 2008, for aggravated assault; ordered to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 30 days served; ordered to pay \$960 in fines.

Harry Wellington Argue, age 43 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 28, 2008, for aggravated assault; ordered to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 30 days served; ordered to pay \$610 in fines.

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Leroy Francis Decker, age 39 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 29, 2008, for possess deer without validated kill tag; ordered to pay \$475 in fines and \$1,000 in restitution.

Military News

Natasha Seymour of Frederic, a member of the 46th Military Police Company, Cheboygan Michigan Army National Guard, was promoted on Nov. 1 to the rank of specialist.

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Mercy Hospital Grayling benefits worth \$5.5 million to local community

New data released by the Michigan Health & Hospital Association show that Mercy Hospital Grayling's financial benefit to the surrounding community is worth more than \$5.5 million.

The 2008 Community Benefits Report details the amount of free health care, targeted outreach programs, clinics and other programs offered to each hospital's local community. The numbers reflect data from fiscal year 2007 for 132 of Michigan's 146 nonprofit hospitals.

"The Community Benefits Report demonstrates Mercy Hospital Grayling's commitment to serving our community," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling. "We have been caring for our community nearly a hundred years."

Michigan nonprofit hospitals provide direct patient care to those who cannot afford it and administer countless health, education, and transportation programs in communities like Grayling and the surrounding area. Often, these services are provided at no cost to residents, as they are essential to the well-being of the community and an integral part of nonprofit hospitals' tax-exempt purpose, Riemer-Matuzak said.

"Everyone at Mercy Hospital Grayling is working tirelessly to keep our community's residents

healthier and meet our community's needs," said Riemer-Matuzak. "I was especially pleased to see how strong Mercy's numbers were compared to hospitals of equal size in our state."

Some of Mercy Hospital Grayling's community benefit contributions include: providing more than \$5.2 million to cover costs of direct patient care for which there is inadequate or no reimbursement; offering more than \$150,000 in community health improvement services to local residents; and spending more than \$180,000 in free or reduced-fee community-based programs to ensure healthier children, safer environments, earlier detection of disease, and enhanced access to basic health services.

Together, Michigan nonprofit hospitals reported nearly \$2.6 billion in free care and targeted outreach programs for the fiscal year 2007, said Spencer Johnson, president of Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

"As the state struggles through the growing pains of a changing economy, Michigan residents are faced with increasing instability and uncertainties," Johnson said. "While Michigan continues to have one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, residents should not have to forego a regular checkup, a necessary med-

ical procedure or life-saving prescription drugs because they do not have the ability to pay for care - and that is where Michigan's nonprofit community hospitals come in."

The \$5.5 million in community benefits for Mercy Hospital Grayling reflects not only high-quality patient care and programming, but costs absorbed by the hospital when payments do not cover the full costs of direct patient care (charity care, bad debt and payment shortfalls from Medicaid, Medicare and other government programs).

To view the full statewide community benefits report online, visit www.mha.org.

Mercy Hospital Grayling is a 90-bed hospital that includes a separate 40-bed skilled nursing facility. Its physician network is comprised of more than 25 employed physicians and mid-level practitioners.

Mercy Hospital Grayling's annual benefit to the surrounding community is more than \$5.5 million; \$5.2 million of which is funneled to charity care. The remaining money is spent on community outreach and educational programs.

Knowledge to heal and compassionate care is practiced daily by a team of over 500 associates and more than 100 active volunteers serve in the hospital Auxiliary. Each year, the hospital and employed

physician network serves 119,865 outpatients and treats more than 19,500 emergency room visits. Mercy is owned by Trinity Health, the fourth-largest Catholic health care system in the country. For more information, visit mercygrayling.com.

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Higgins Lake (Camp Curnalia) wastewater collection and treatment system is now operational

The wastewater collection and treatment system to service the Camp Curnalia (American Legion) area of Lyon and Beaver Creek Townships is still on schedule and under budget.

The treatment facility portion of the project is complete except for some minor items and is now receiving sewage.

The collection (sewer) system is approximately 70 percent complete and individual homes are being connected to the system.

"The project construction has been proceeding extremely well, with very few contract changes or citizen complaints," said Paul Tatro, Higgins Lake Utilities Authority (HLUA) board member. "Additional work for abandoning septic tanks, which was originally required to be completed by the individual home owners, will now be completed by the project contractor within the original project budget."

To accommodate the additional contracted work, the collection system completion date has been extended from May 15, 2009, to July 15, 2009.

The collection and treatment system is being constructed and operated under the jurisdiction HLUA, a five person board consisting of representatives from Lyon and Beaver Creek Townships.

The HLUA Chairman is Paul Tatro, who is also the Lyon Township Supervisor. The HLUA has been very instrumental in moving this project forward and has provided excellent oversight and direction to the engineering company and contractors throughout construction.

Members of the HLUA were also instrumental in obtaining the majority of the project funding, which includes over \$1.4 million in grants and a special low interest loan (1.625%) through the State Revolving

Fund. The board was also instrumental in obtaining property from the State of Michigan for the wastewater treatment facility and transferring ownership of the Camp Curnalia land from the State of Michigan to the

Camp Curnalia Cottage Owners Association.

C2AE, an engineering, architecture and planning firm of Gaylord, has completed the study, grant applications, design and construction administration for the project.

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Toys For Tots in high demand

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involvement with Toys For Tots, but Coates says the event will likely become an annual program.

Grayling's H&R Block is another local business that has decided to lend a hand to the CCC Christian Help Center's program for the first time this year. They are offering coupons to people who drop off toys at their business.

"I figured it would be a good thing to kind of get involved with," said H&R

Block representative Lindsey Petersen. "It's a good way to give back to the community that we are working in."

The CCC Christian Help Center is limiting its toy distribution to kids ages 13 and under this year, in order to help ensure that there will be enough toys for all eligible families.

"If they have children, they will get toys for those children," said Gosnell.

The CCC Christian Help Center is currently accept-

ing donations of both toys and cash for the Toys For Tots program. Under Marine Corps Guidelines, no more than two percent of a cash donation made to any Toys For Tots program will go to overhead costs.

Gosnell said that this is part of the reason why Toys For Tots is one of the top rated children's charity programs in the country.

"That's the way the Marine Corps Reserve wants to keep it," said Gosnell.

Business News

Springs Window Fashions of Grayling presented a 15-year service award week to Marie Cojocar of Grayling on Oct. 29. She started working at the Grayling wood window treatment manufacturer in October 1993, when it was operated as Custom Wood Products.

Plant manager Dan Heinz recognized Ms. Cojocar as being a key member of the Grayling team, particularly with rough mill wood production. According to Heinz, "Marie is a reliable and versatile performer, and a good role model. We look

forward to her continued success."

Springs Window Fashions LLC manufactures and assembles window treatments and interior shutters under various brand names, including Bali, Graber and Nanik, in six locations in the U.S. and Mexico. Springs Window Fashions LLC acquired the former Custom Wood Products operations in August 2003.

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Girls basketball team prepares for next week's season opener

Vikings to play at Roscommon on Wednesday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball team, a group that started its official practices for the 2008-2009 season on Monday, Nov. 10, continues to prepare for its season opener, which is scheduled for next week.

The team has 12 players this year – four seniors, six juniors, and two sophomores. The group of seniors includes two all-conference players from last year's team – center Laura Boylan (all-league) and guard Sam Schreiber (honorable mention). Jessica Bindschatel and Naomi Anglemyer are the other two seniors. The team's juniors include Ashley Feldhauser, Mackenzie Harwood, Teanna Zigila, Heather Glance, Selina Anglemyer, and Jessica Zarnick. Abbey Thomas and Teresa Schreiber are the squad's two sophomores.

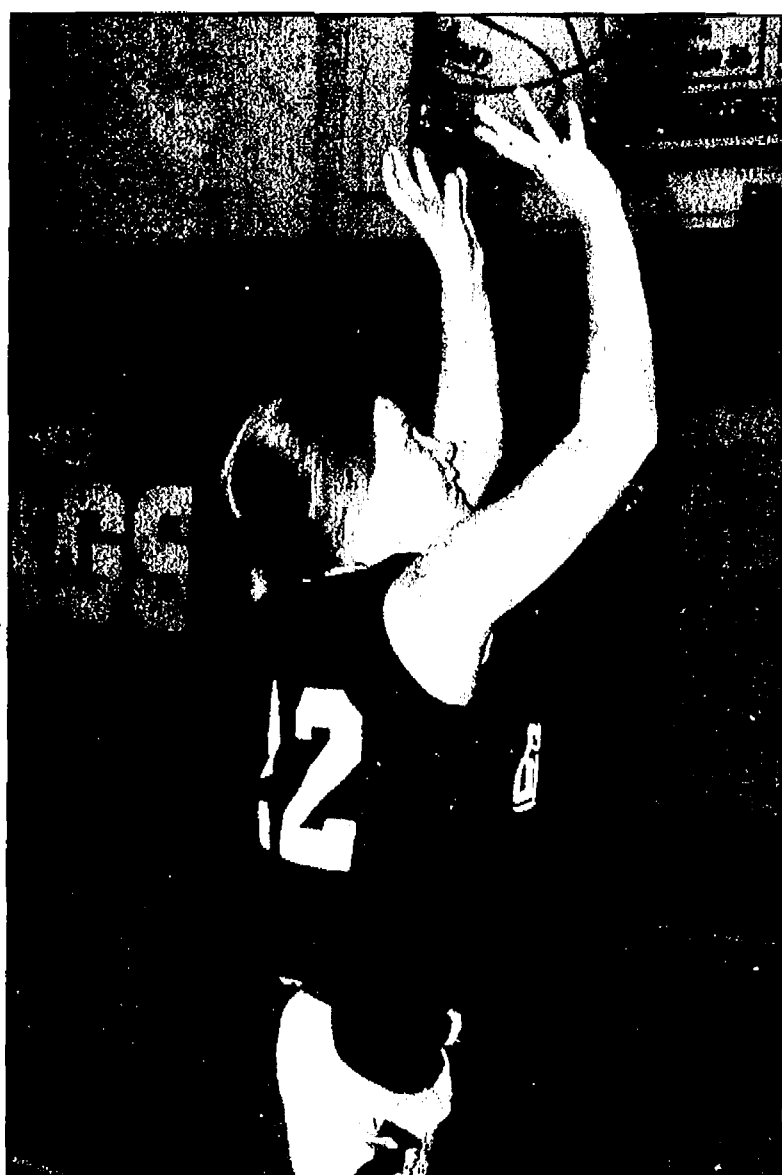
Boylan and Feldhauser will be the team's
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Abbey Thomas handles the ball during practice on Monday, Nov. 17.



Teresa Schreiber drives toward the basket during a practice drill last week.



Selina Anglemyer takes a shot during a shooting drill on Monday.



Jessica Zarnick grabs a rebound at practice on Monday, Nov. 17.



Mackenzie Harwood sets up for a shot on Monday night at practice.

Soccer team announces MVP, all-league honors

Grayling High School's varsity boys soccer squad recently announced its team awards and league honors for the 2008 fall season.

Brady Coe earned the team's Most Valuable Player award. Jake Small and

Corey Kiessel shared the squad's Most Improved Player award.

In the Lake Michigan Conference, Coe was named to the all-league team. Colin Hamlin received an all-conference honorable mention.



Brady Coe
All-Conference



Colin Hamlin
Honorable Mention

Two volleyball players earn LMC awards

The GHS varsity girls volleyball squad had two all-league honorees in the Lake Michigan Conference this year. The Vikings also recently announced their team awards for the 2008 fall season.

Joni Bindschatel was named to the all-

conference team. Suzanne Hause earned an honorable mention. Team awards included: Most Kills – Hause, Most Assists – Savannah Foguth, Most Blocks – Sierra Williamson, Most Digs – Bindschatel, Most Aces – Bindschatel.



Joni Bindschatel
All-Conference



Suzanne Hause
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Laura Boylan shoots during an offense vs. defense drill on Monday, Nov. 17.



Ashley Feldhauser sets up for an in-bounds pass during practice on Monday.

Girls basketball team prepares for next week's season opener

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two captains this year, Coach Kelly Sheehan said.

Sheehan, who's in her second season as coach of the varsity squad, said the team "has definitely shown improvement since last year. They worked hard during the summer."

Sheehan said the team's familiarity with the system from their experience last season will help this year.

"Having the girls returning, knowing the system for another year, that helps," Coach Sheehan said. "It's easier the second year. I know the girls and what they can do. Knowing the plays already, knowing the system, we're starting ahead

of where we were last year."

Boylan, S. Schreiber, Feldhauser, Bindschattel, N. Anglemeyer, and Thomas all played full-time or part-time on last year's varsity team. Harwood, T. Schreiber, S. Anglemeyer, and Zarnick played on last year's JV squad.

"We have a few JV players up from last year's team that are fast on defense, feisty on defense," Coach Sheehan said. "That's going to make our team quicker."

"Laura, our all-state center - she's looking tough. She's going to be tough to stop in the post," Coach Sheehan said.

Coach Sheehan cited "improvement" and finishing with a record better than .500 as goals for this year's team.

"The goal I have is to

have a winning season. Overall improvement is a goal as well," Coach Sheehan said.

Sheehan's assistant coach this year will be Tiffany Davis, a 2008 graduate of Grayling High School who played on last year's varsity squad.

Craig Hofman returns as coach of the junior varsity squad. This year's girls basketball program will not feature a freshman team due to low player numbers.

The JV and varsity squads will open their 2008-2009 seasons with games at Roscommon on Wednesday, Dec. 3. The JV teams play at 6 p.m. and the varsity contest will follow. On Friday, Dec. 5, the Vikings play at Mesick. The teams will play their home opener on Friday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.



Sam Schreiber takes a jump shot.

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Teanna Zigila and Heather Glance drive toward the basket during a practice drill on Monday.



GMS Basketball

8th grade "green" (boys) - The GMS 8th grade "green" boys basketball team fell to 2-2 with two losses last week.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, the Vikings lost a home game 46-16 vs. Elk Rapids.

"We were just outplayed," Coach Rocky Tobin said. "They are a much bigger, more physical team than us. Our boys played hard, but our offense still needs some work."

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Tyler Powers (6), Scott Parkinson (4), Jeff Enos (2), Mason Krey (2), Jacob Cochrane (2).

The Vikings lost 41-32 at East Jordan on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

"I was very proud of our team," Coach Tobin said. "We were down by as much as 18 points at one point, and I couldn't be more proud of our defense. They fought back and pulled within six points in the last three minutes. The boys never gave up and made a real run at them. If we would have had just a few more minutes, I'm sure the outcome would have been different. They played with a lot of heart and determination."

Grayling's scoring leaders were: Parkinson (10), Powers (8), Levi Kornelli (4), Enos (3), Krey (3), Cochrane (2), Wes Dean (2).

8th grade "white"

(boys) - Grayling Middle School's 8th grade "white" boys basketball squad lost 37-34 to East Jordan on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

"The boys had a tough first half, with a score of 19-4 in the first quarter, fought back, and took the lead," Coach Jeff McMann said.

The team got two steals late in the game and had two chances to tie the contest with three-point attempts, but the shots didn't go in.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Jacob Robinson (9), Blake Hatfield (8), Jeff LaVigne (6), Louis Menard (6), Nolen Ryan (3), Trent Flynn (2).

"All the boys played a tough game," Coach McMann said.

Kirtland grad gets free ride to NASCAR race

Simply put, Justin Green likes cars, especially fast cars.

The Roscommon resident, who graduated with an associate degree in automotive technology from Kirtland Community College in May, recently had a unique opportunity to get an up-close look at the fast-paced world of NASCAR on Sept. 14 while attending the Sylvania 300 in Loudon, N.H., courtesy of Speedway Illustrated magazine and Kirtland.

"I'm just a car buff," said 21-year-old Green, now an automotive technician at Scott McNamara Ford in Grayling. "Anything with wheels and a motor that goes fast."

Green, and several other automotive students from community colleges from around the country, attended various racing events this year as part of the "Automotive Students For Success" program, a collaborative effort between Speedway Illustrated and the respective colleges. The weekend trip to New Hampshire wasn't Green's first trip to a major racing event, but it did allow him to get closer to the action.

"It was cool," he said. "We went into the pits. I've never been into the pits before."

Green said that, while he didn't get a chance to talk with any of the drivers, he did get the chance to see some of the inner workings of the race teams and chatted with various race and team officials.

"One was the crew chief for the No. 43 car, Bobby Labonte's car," he said. "We talked to him for a long time."

"I learned it's a lot easier to get into a team than I thought," he added. "I thought they'd all be older, but a lot of them (team members) were my age."

Besides the NASCAR event, Green also was able to watch the Camping World RV Rental 200, part of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck racing series, on Sept.



Richard "Smoke" Bonk, coordinator of Kirtland Community College's automotive technology program, congratulates his former student, Justin Green of Roscommon, for being the college's representative to the "Automotive Students For Success" program, a collaborative effort with Speedway Illustrated magazine. Green is now an automotive technician at Scott McNamara Ford in Grayling. Also pictured are Scott McNamara (far right), owner of the local dealership, and Kevin Bushong (far left), the dealership's vice president.

13. Green said he now hopes that his love of cars and his budding career in automotive technology will someday take him even closer to the action.

"Not necessarily NASCAR, but racing in some form," he said. "Maybe Formula One or the endurance cars."

One lesson Green learned was that, while all the members of a racing team had their individual roles and responsibilities, they also pitched in when and where they were needed.

"That's one of the biggest things," Green said. "They're always asking what they can do to help the team win. Their teamwork will make or break the race."

"(And) you never know what you'd be working on," he added. "That's pretty much what everyone we talked to said."

Another factor that caught Green's attention was the noise as well as the constant level of activity.

"It's loud. I guess you must just get used to it," he said. "It's busy. There are a lot of people doing a lot of things. I think they go through inspections three times."

While already looking

forward to the future, Green added he's happy with his decision to pursue a degree in automotive technology at Kirtland and he feels well prepared for what may lie ahead.

"I learned a lot from Smoke (Richard Bonk, automotive technology coordinator at KCC) and all my teachers at Kirtland," he said. "I'm fully prepared to do anything."

Bonk said he enjoys the fact that Kirtland is able to participate in the Automotive Students For Success (ASFS) program and send exemplary students, like Green, to such events as a reward for their efforts.

"It's nice to be able to send a student off to an experience like this," Bonk said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. After all, students here have done a lot more than just study."

Kirtland automotive students also benefit from the fact that college officials were helpful in helping create the ASFS program. The initiative was born in 2005, when KCC director of marketing Jim Enger had a conversation with a long-time friend, Silvia Calbi, chief operating officer of

Performance Media/Down East Publishing, which owns the magazine.

During a phone conversation not long after the magazine's launch, Enger and Calbi speculated on how community college automotive programs - Kirtland's is nationally certified - could help supply the racing industry with top-notch auto technicians. Most community college automotive students don't end up on professional racing teams, of course, but the program does give the student an inside look at the dynamic world of big time auto racing.

"As a co-founder of the ASFS program, we will always have a student participating," Enger said. "This has definitely stirred up some excitement for our automotive program."

Not long after that ASFS program was established, the magazine sponsored its first community college automotive student to an all-expense paid trip to a NASCAR race weekend. That was Kirtland's Aaron Gemmill, now a master certified automotive technician working for Allen's Auto & Recreational Care in Rose City.

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Recreation League

GMH-NCC.....30 - 18
Robin Smith CPA...29 - 19
Days Inn.....26 - 22
Glen's Market.....25 - 23
TNT Charter.....23 - 25
Grayling Nursing...21 - 27
American Legion...20 - 28
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High Series: D. Mead, 509;
S. Harney, 485; P. D'Amour
481. High Game: S. Harney,
201; D. Anderson, 194; D.
Tobin, 185.

Senior League

Dana Transport...29 - 19
Sylvester's Sports...26 - 22
Flowers By Josie...26 - 22
Gaylord Electric...25 - 23
Lone Pine.....24 - 24
Spike's.....24 - 24
Kicking Grass...21 - 27
Bear's Den Pizza...19 - 29
High Series Women: C.
Clark, 483; B. Wotring, 433;
I. Cosgray, 419. High Game
Women: C. Clark, 183; P.
Kennedy, 166; B. Wotring,
165. High Series Men: D.
Williamson, 527; L.
Crampton, 520; P.
Faustman, 506. High Game
Men: D. Williamson, 207;
L. Crampton, 201; P.
Faustman, 182.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest.....35 - 9
Ole Dam Store.....28 - 16
T.C. Lawncare.....27 - 17
Eagles Nest.....24 - 20
American Legion...20 - 24
5 B's.....18 - 26
Ball Busters.....13 - 31
Tim's Collision...11 - 33
High Series: J. Coors, 607;
S. Johnson, 530; T. Rock,

525. High Game: P.
D'Amour, 232; J. Coors,
226; K. Moshier, 200.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Hard Balls.....49 - 28
Team Shocker...46 - 31
Salon Rue.....45 - 32
Spikes #2.....41 - 36
Growlers.....38 - 39
GrayRock Cafe...33 - 44
AJD.....27 - 50
Spike's #1.....25 - 52
High Series Men: P.
Faustman, 590; J. Thayer,
547; N. Mead, 526. High
Game Men: J. Thayer, 214;
M. Forbes, 203; P.
Faustman, 199. High Series
Women: H. Indorf, 493; C.
Sheldon, 461; S. Mead, 459.
High Game Women: H.
Indorf, 197; C. Sheldon,
177; C. SanCartier, 171.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Misfits.....26 - 14
Three Amigos...25 - 15
Bill's Harem.....24 - 16
Casino Bums...21 - 19
Pin Slayers.....19 - 21
Snow Tops.....17.5 - 22.5
Rosebuds.....17.5 - 22.5
Ladybugs.....10 - 30
High Series Women: H.

Stairs, 473; C. Clark, 463;
N. Clark, 446. High Game
Women: R. Brown, 186; C.
Clark, 180; N. Clark, 176.
High Series Men: B. Hollis,
581; P. Faustman, 580; E.
Brosky, 509. High Game
Men: P. Faustman, 215; B.
Hollis, 201; E. Brosky, 190.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Canadian Steak...52 - 32
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Fred's of Rosco...45 - 39
McDonald's.....44 - 40
Last Call.....42 - 42
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L & L Hauling...36 - 48
Legion.....30.5 - 53.5
High Series Women: M.
Cole, 540; S. Johnson, 511;
J. Dent, 480. High Game
Women: M. Cole, 211; J.
Dent and S. Johnson, 179.
High Series Men: J.
Lehman, 583; D. Wallace,
577; P. Benardo, 543. High
Game Men: J. Lehman, 237;
D. Williamson, 222; F.
Periard, 205.

National First

Continental Rental...52 - 25
GADCO.....42 - 35
Pittman Bld.....40 - 37

Hagerman Const...39 - 38
Primary Electric...34 - 43
High Series: C. Brill, 644;
D. Lawe, 584; P. Benardo,
Sr., 583. High Game: C.
Brill, 236 and 235; M.
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Dr. Weeks grew up south of Greenville in the small community of Saranac, Michigan. He attended Central Michigan University, where he earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology. He earned his medical degree at Michigan State University-College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996. After medical school, Dr. Weeks completed his Internship and Residency in Family Practice at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Weeks became board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice in 1999. He recertified in 2008. He had been practicing around Greenville, Michigan for several years both as an employed and solo-practice physician prior to joining GFPC two years ago. Dr. Weeks currently resides in Grayling where he enjoys various hobbies as well as spending time with his family.

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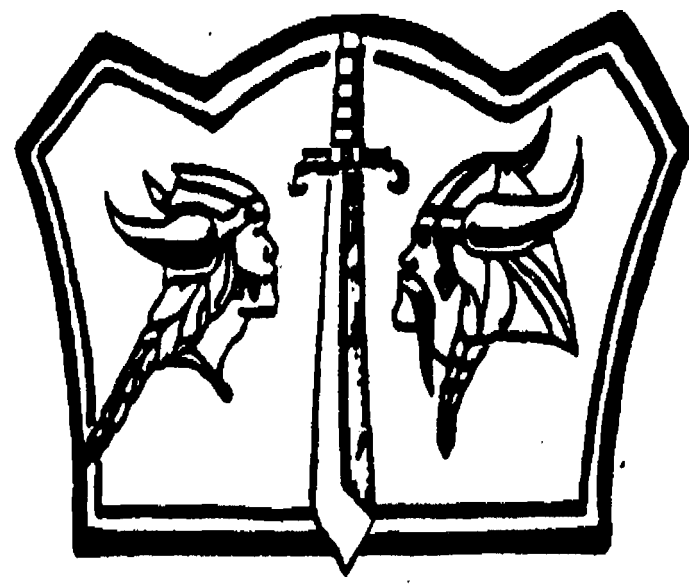
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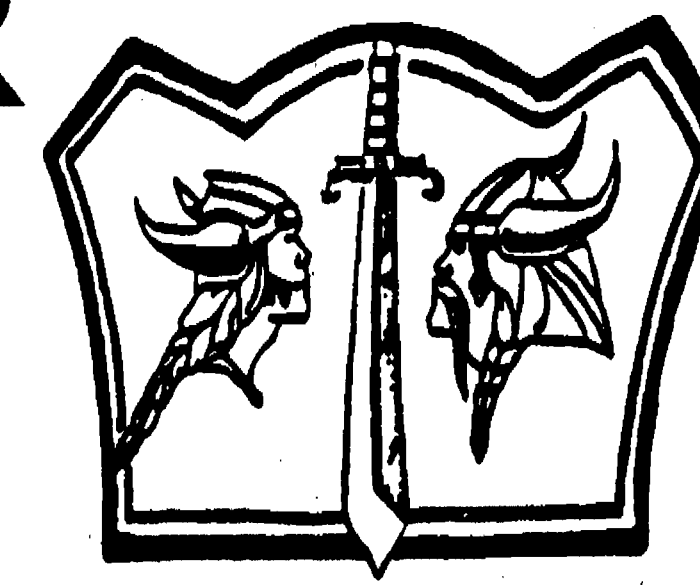
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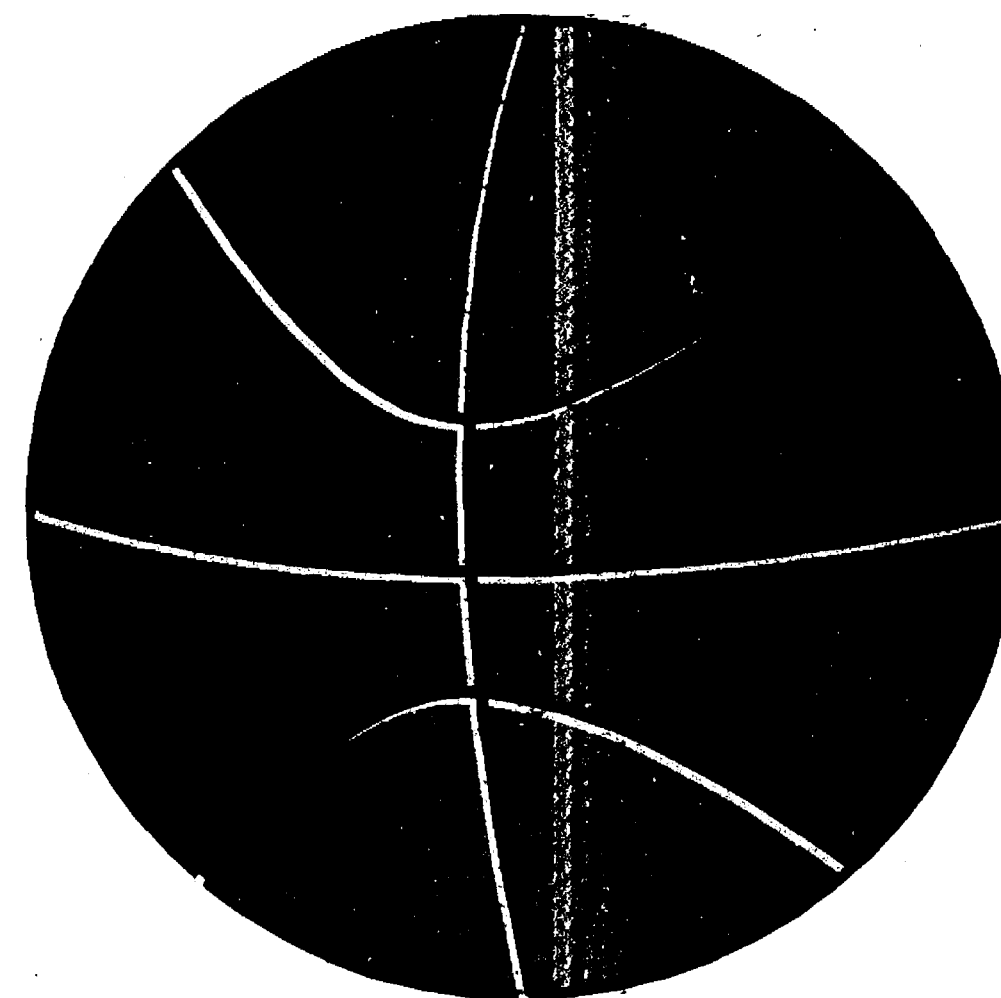
Grayling Vikings Sports Schedules



Freshman Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	December 9, 2008	Roscommon	A	4:30	3:45
Tuesday	December 16, 2008	Charlevoix @ Middle School	A	6:00	3:30
Tuesday	January 6, 2009	East Jordan @ Middle School	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 8, 2009	Harbor Springs @ Middle School	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 15, 2009	Elk Rapids	A	4:15	2:15
Tuesday	January 20, 2009	Houghton Lake @ Middle School	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 22, 2009	Kalkaska @ Middle School	H	6:00	
Wednesday	January 28, 2009	Traverse City St. Francis @ MS	H	6:00	
Friday	January 30, 2009	Boyer City	A	4:15	2:30
Friday	February 6, 2009	Charlevoix @ Middle School	H	6:00	
Wednesday	February 11, 2009	East Jordan	A	4:15	2:15
Friday	February 13, 2009	Harbor Springs	A	4:15	2:15
Wednesday	February 18, 2009	Roscommon @ Middle School	H	6:00	
Friday	February 20, 2009	Elk Rapids @ Middle School	H	6:00	
Monday	February 23, 2009	Houghton Lake	A	4:30	3:30
Wednesday	February 25, 2009	Kalkaska	A	4:15	3:15
Friday	February 27, 2009	Traverse City St. Francis	A	4:15	2:30
Tuesday	March 3, 2009	Boyer City @ High School	H	4:15	

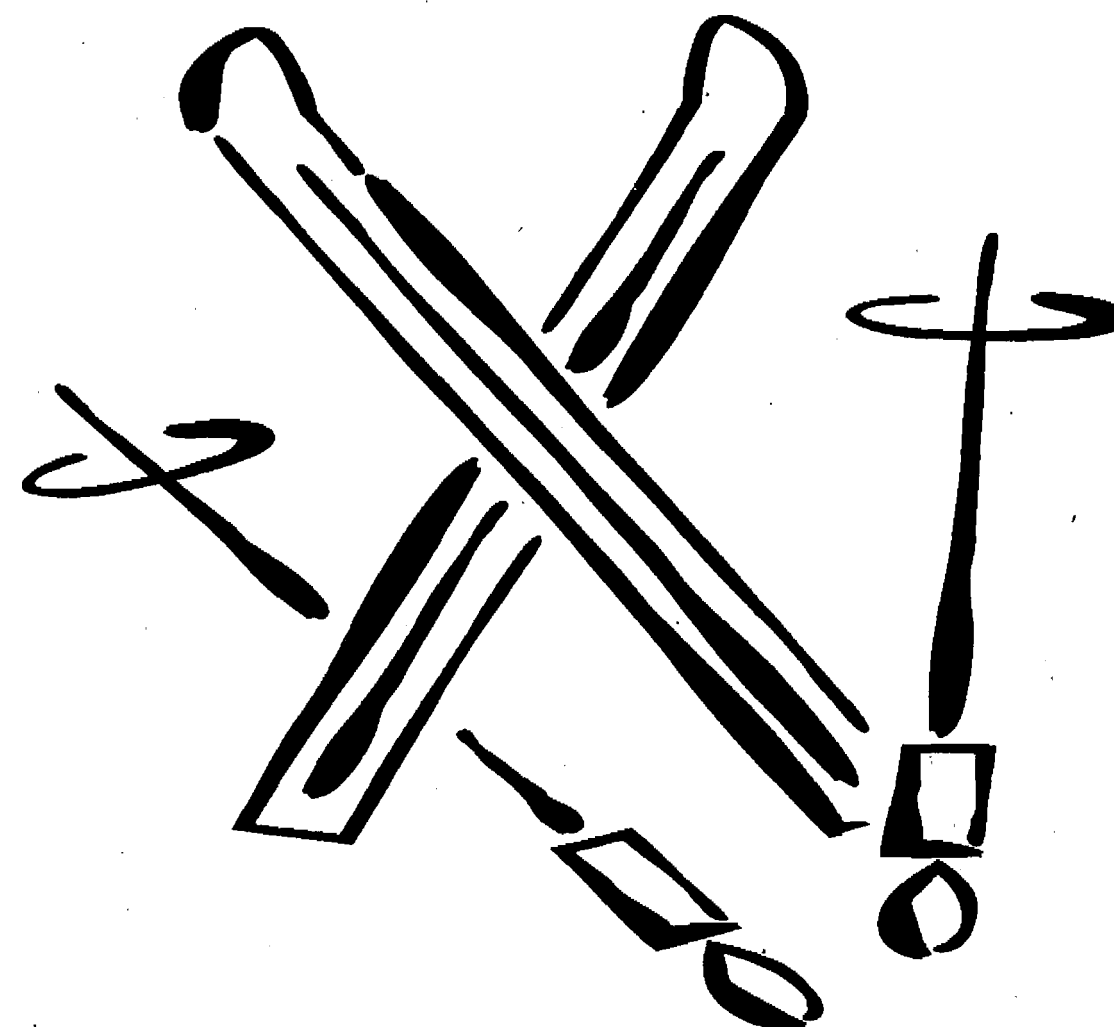
*March 3rd (parent's night) at High School



Varsity Wrestling

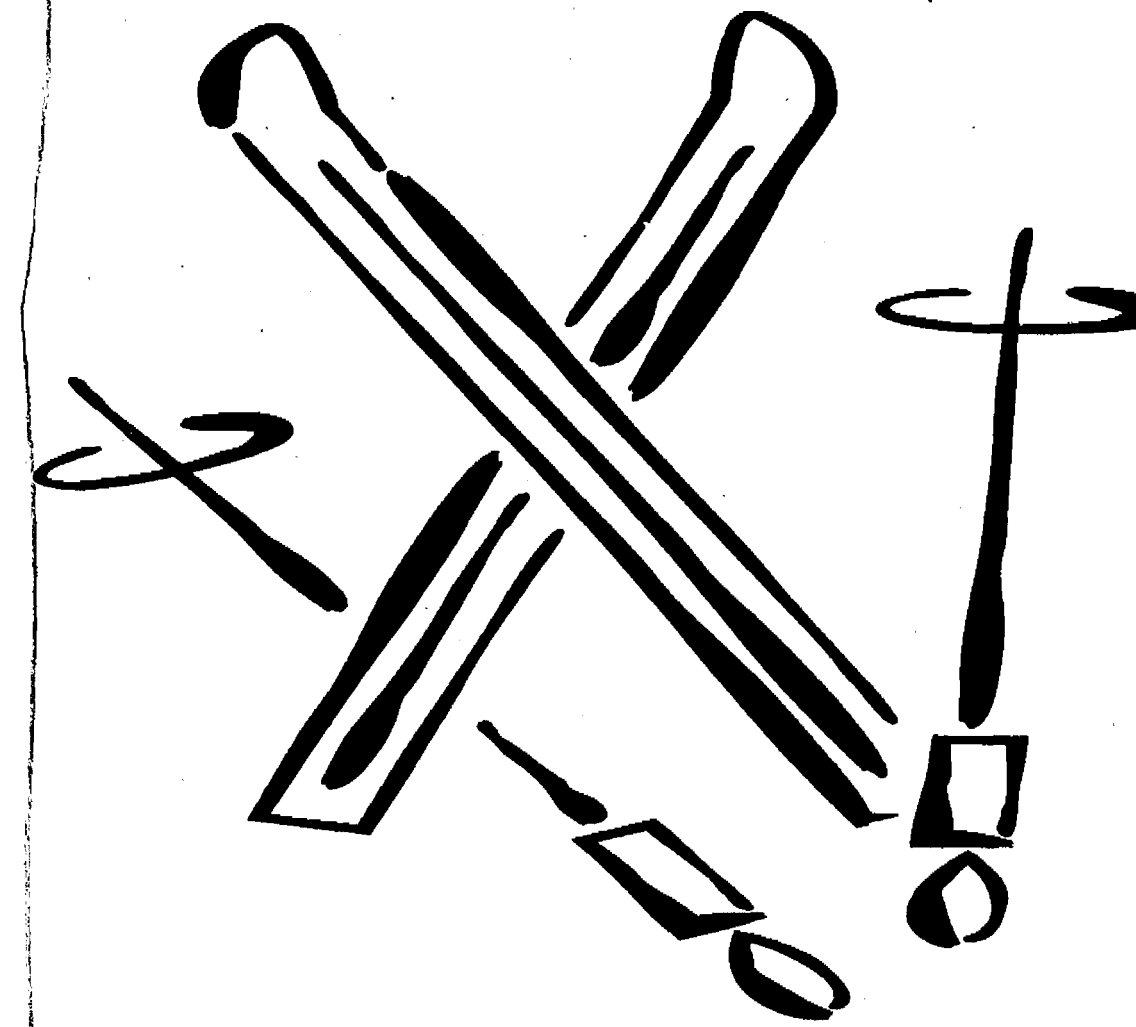
Day	Date	Event Opponent	Bus H/A	Time	Time
Wednesday	December 3, 2008	Mio/Pinconning	A	6:00	TBA
Saturday	December 6, 2008	Roscommon Invitational	A	10:00	TBA
Thursday	December 11, 2008	TCSF/Kalkaska	H	6:00	
Saturday	December 13, 2008	Manton Invitational	A	9:30	TBA
Wednesday	December 17, 2008	Charlevoix/Elk Rapids	A	6:00	TBA
Saturday	December 20, 2008	Oscoda Invitational	A	9:00	TBA
Thursday	December 27, 2008	Roger City Super Duel Tournament	A	10:00	TBA
Tuesday	December 30, 2008	Alpena Invitational	A	9:00	TBA
Thursday	January 8, 2009	Boyer City/Cheboygan	A	6:00	TBA
Tuesday	January 13, 2009	Elk Rapids/Kalkaska	A	6:00	TBA
Thursday	January 22, 2009	Charlevoix/TCSF	A	1:30	TBA
Saturday	January 24, 2009	Ithaca Tournament	A	10:00	TBA
Thursday	January 29, 2009	Boyer City/Gaylord	H	6:00	
Saturday	January 31, 2009	Gaylord Invitational	A	10:00	TBA
Wednesday	February 4, 2009	Chippewa Hills/Morley Stanwood	A	5:30	TBA
Saturday	February 7, 2009	LMC Championship	A	10:00	TBA
Wednesday	February 18, 2009	Team Districts	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	February 21, 2009	Individual Districts	A	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	February 25, 2009	Team Regionals	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	February 28, 2009	Individual Regionals	A	TBA	TBA
Friday	March 6, 2009	Team Finals	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Team Finals	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	March 12, 2009	Individual Finals	A	TBA	TBA
Friday	March 13, 2009	Individual Finals	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	March 14, 2009	Individual Finals	A	TBA	TBA

*Overnight Trip - Leave on Friday



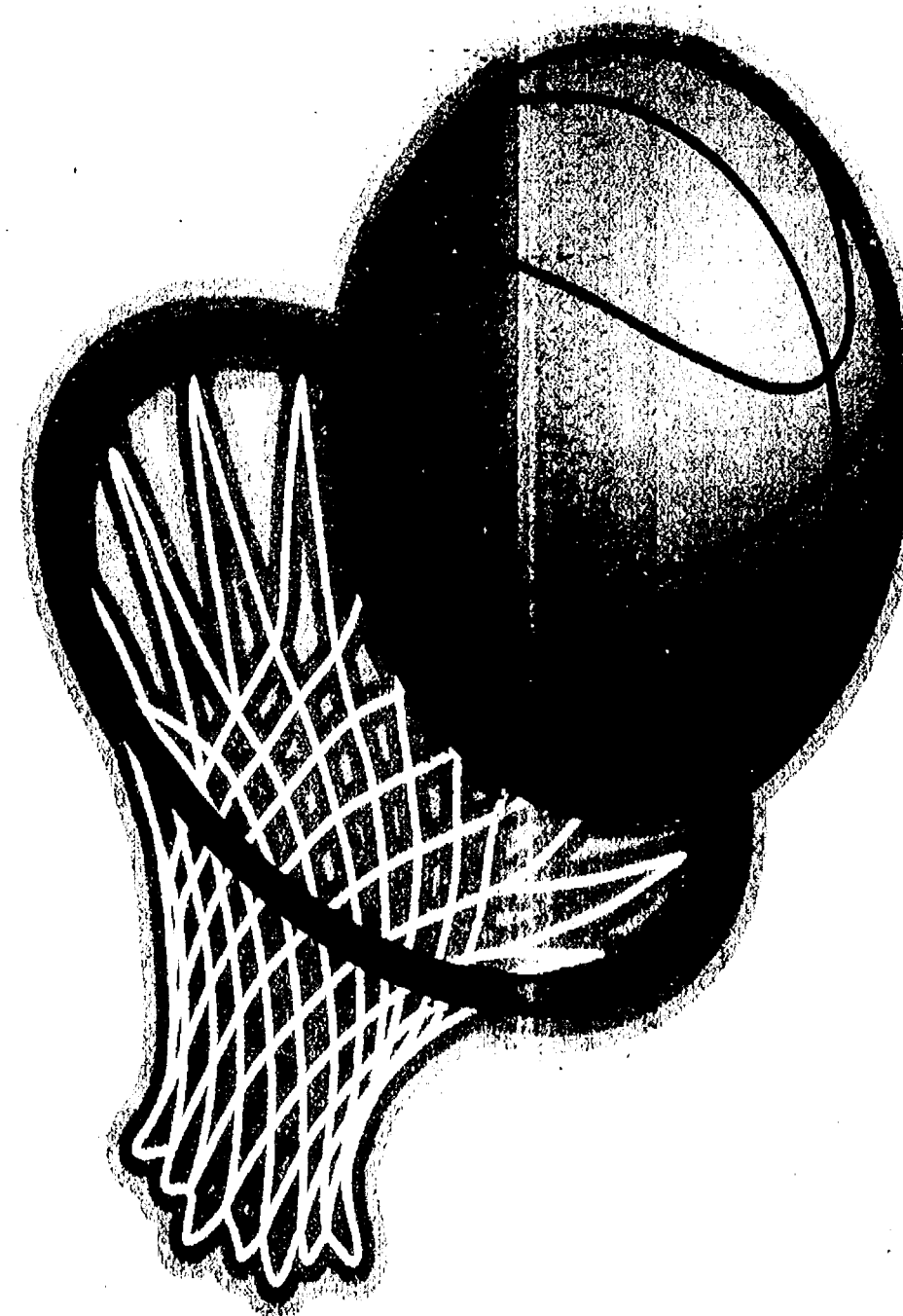
Varsity Skiing

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Thursday	January 8, 2009	League Meet @ Boyne Mtn.	A	5:00	TBA
Friday	January 9, 2009	Cadillac Invitational	A	10:00	TBA
Tuesday	January 13, 2009	League Meet @ Mtn. Holiday	A	5:00	TBA
Friday	January 16, 2009	Grayling Invitational	H	10:00	TBA
Thursday	January 22, 2009	League Meet @ Boyne Mtn.	A	5:00	TBA
Thursday	January 29, 2009	League Meet @ Nubs Nob	A	5:00	TBA
Monday	February 2, 2009	Manistee Invitational	A	10:00	TBA
Thursday	February 5, 2009	League Make-up @ TBA	A	5:00	TBA
Friday	February 6, 2009	Benzie Invitational	A	10:00	TBA
Thursday	February 12, 2009	Regionals	A	9:00	TBA
Tuesday	February 17, 2009	League Championship	A	1:00	TBA
Monday	February 23, 2009	State Finals	A	9:00	TBA



Varsity & JV Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	December 3, 2008	Roscommon	A	6:00	4:45
Friday	December 5, 2008	Mesick	A	6:00	TBA
Friday	December 12, 2008	Boyer City	H	6:00	
Tuesday	December 16, 2008	Charlevoix (JV Only) @ High School	A	6:00	3:30
Wednesday	December 17, 2008	Lake City	A	6:00	4:30
Friday	December 19, 2008	Charlevoix (Varsity only)	A	6:00	3:30
Wednesday	January 7, 2009	Harrison	A	6:00	3:30
Friday	January 9, 2009	East Jordan	H	6:00	
Monday	January 12, 2009	Roscommon	H	6:00	
Friday	January 16, 2009	Elk Rapids	H	6:00	
Monday	January 19, 2009	Houghton Lake	A	6:00	4:45
Friday	January 23, 2009	Harbor Springs	A	6:00	3:15
Tuesday	January 27, 2009	Kalkaska	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 29, 2009	Traverse City St. Francis	A	6:00	4:00
Tuesday	February 3, 2009	Boyer City	A	6:00	4:15
Thursday	February 5, 2009	Charlevoix (JV Only)	H	6:00	
Friday	February 6, 2009	Charlevoix (Varsity only)	H	6:00	
Tuesday	February 10, 2009	East Jordan	A	6:00	4:00
Thursday	February 12, 2009	Elk Rapids	A	6:00	4:00
Tuesday	February 17, 2009	Harbor Springs	H	6:00	
Thursday	February 19, 2009	Kalkaska	A	6:00	4:45
Tuesday	February 24, 2009	T.C. St. Francis (Parent's Night)	H	6:00	
Monday	March 3, 2009	Districts	A	TBA	
Tuesday	March 10, 2009	Regionals	A	TBA	



Varsity & JV Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	December 9, 2008	Roscommon	A	6:00	4:50
Saturday	December 13, 2008	Suttons Bay	H	6:00	
Tuesday	December 16, 2008	Charlevoix (JV only) @ Middle School	A	6:00	3:30
Friday	December 19, 2008	Charlevoix (Varsity only)	A	6:00	3:30
Tuesday	January 6, 2009	East Jordan	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 8, 2009	Harbor Springs	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 15, 2009	Elk Rapids	A	6:00	4:00
Tuesday	January 20, 2009	Houghton Lake	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 22, 2009	Kalkaska	H	6:00	
Monday	January 26, 2009	Harrison	A	6:00	4:00
Wednesday	January 28, 2009	Traverse City St. Francis	H	6:00	
Friday	January 30, 2009	Boyer City	A	6:00	3:45
Thursday	February 5, 2009	Charlevoix (JV only)	H	6:00	
Friday	February 6, 2009	Charlevoix (Varsity only)	H	6:00	
Wednesday	February 11, 2009	East Jordan	A	6:00	3:30
Friday	February 13, 2009	Harbor Springs	A	6:00	3:15
Wednesday	February 18, 2009	Roscommon	H	6:00	
Friday	February 20, 2009	Elk Rapids	H	6:00	
Monday	February 23, 2009	Houghton Lake	A	6:00	4:45
Wednesday	February 25, 2009	Kalkaska	A	6:00	4:35
Friday	February 27, 2009	Traverse City St. Francis	A	6:00	3:45
Tuesday	March 3, 2009	Boyer City (Parent's Night)	H	6:00	
Monday	March 9, 2009	Districts	A	TBA	
Monday	March 16, 2009	Regionals	A	TBA	

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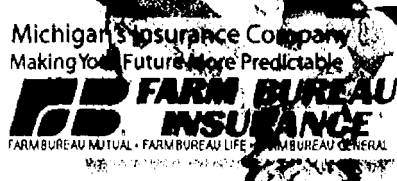
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'Gun' helps basketball teams

The Grayling Youth Booster Club - represented by Rob Aubry (left) and Rick Schmidt (right) - recently donated \$2,000 to Grayling High School's boys and girls basketball programs so they could purchase a Shoot-a-way Gun 6000. The "Gun" allows a player to shoot over 1,000 shots in one hour. Rich Moffit, coach of the GHS varsity boys basketball squad, estimates that the boys have shot 20,000 shots per month on the "Gun." Also pictured is Trent Larm (center), a member of the GHS varsity boys basketball squad.

Legal Action

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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CIRCUIT COURT -
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING**

File No. 08-7505-NC

In the matter of BRYANT SCOTT MIELA

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. at Crawford County Probate Court, before Judge Monte J. Burmeister P48732 for the following purpose:

Petition to Change Name

11/17/08
Bryant Scott Miela
7548 Twin Peaks Rd.
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989-348-7870

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Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were repairs at the main lift station, the I-75 BL rebuild, update on the Police personnel, lease for the antenna on the water tower, recruitment of members for Boards and Commissions, and status of the Zoning Ordinance rewrite.

Approval of the appointment of Devon Bohemeyer to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Approval of the budget amendment to Municipal Holding for the Nature Center Windows.

Review of Reports.

Closed Session to discuss Grayling Charter Township v. City of Grayling with letter from the City Attorney in hand.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

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NOTICE

DONALD STEVENS:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Danielle Michelle Atkins, a child born to Kimberly Louise Atkins on August 26, 1995,

in Crawford County, Michigan. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to file an Answer to the Petition to Termination Parental Rights with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and to serve a copy of that Answer upon Susan D. Kovac, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 531 Henley Street, Suite 531, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be December 4, 2008, and/or to appear for trial on January 6, 2009 at 9:00 AM, at Knox County Juvenile Court. If you fail to do so, a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Juv. P. for the relief demanded in the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office at the address shown above.

ENTER this the 9th day of October, 2008.

Timothy E. Irwin
JUDGE

PREPARED FOR ENTRY:
Susan D. Kovac, BPR #5189
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Department of Children's Services
531 Henley Street, Suite 531
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-13-20-27-4

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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald R. Calkins and Debra L. Calkins, as joint tenants, husband and wife, to Nationstar Mortgage LLC fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004 and recorded November 5, 2004 in Liber 672, Page 351, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 19/100 Dollars (\$123,890.19) including interest at 13.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of section 2, town 25 North range 4 West; commencing at the Southwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East on the section line 165 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 48 minutes East, 264 feet; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East, 412.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 48 minutes West 264 feet to the section line; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes West on same, 412.5 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO

ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 20, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 426.0124
-20-27-4-11

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sue A. Pasko, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2005 and recorded April 29, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 210, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$46,109.50) including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Commencing at the Northeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan for a point of beginning; thence South 20 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence North 20 rods, thence East 4 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 20, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 241.1575

MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by COLLEEN S. WELLS, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 25, 2006, and recorded on September 11, 2006, in Liber 683, on Page 43, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Thirty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$78,035.79), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at

-20-27-4-11 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 3, 2008

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:
1996 DUTCH, SERIAL NO. 13266, 27 X 48, "WHICH, BY INTENTION OF THE PARTIES, SHALL CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE REALTY AND SHALL PASS WITH IT AND IT IS AN IMPROVEMENT TO THE LAND AND AN IMMOVABLE FIXTURE AND THAT IT WILL BE TREATED AS REAL ESTATE".

LOTS 19 AND 20, MAY, AUSTIN, TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 19, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 22, 2008
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,

Mortgage/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
-6-13-20-27

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
BUILDING AUTHORITY &
PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD POSITIONS**

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY AND PLANNING COMMISSION.

APPLICANTS FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ARE REQUIRED TO BE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND REQUESTED TO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN ALL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES BELONGING TO THE COUNTY. THE AUTHORITY IS INCORPORATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING, OWNING, IMPROVING, ENLARGING, OPERATING AND/OR MAINTAINING A COUNTY COURTHOUSE, JAIL AND/OR OTHER BUILDINGS, PARKING LOTS AND NECESSARY STRUCTURES FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY.

APPLICANTS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION ARE REQUIRED TO COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. MEMBERS ACCUMULATE, TABULATE AND STUDY FACTUAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PHYSICAL RESOURCES AND NEEDS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008 AT 3:30 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ONLINE THROUGH www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
NOVEMBER 20, 2008

Legal Action

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bruce H. Dale III and Deborah D. Dale, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to North Area Central Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 12th day of June, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 30th day of October, 2003 in Liber 657 of Crawford County Records, page 135, said Mortgage having been assigned to North Area Central Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six & 06/100 (\$11,786.06), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of January, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W, lying on the South side of M-72 as now surveyed During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 11/19/2008 North Area Central Credit Union Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for North Area Central Credit Union 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48064 248-362-2600 ASAP# 2928619 11/20/2008, 11/27/2008, 12/04/2008, 12/11/2008

Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: NOVEMBER 20, 2008 U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE4,

Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123

Our File No: 08-01939

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dan R Baker and Kathleen I Baker, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 2006, and recorded on November 14, 2006 in Liber 684 on Page 162, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty And 58/100 Dollars (\$41,950.58), including interest at 8.96% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of West 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 25 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 13, 2008 For more information, please call: FC L 248.593.1312

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #216800F03

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary A. Daneluk, a single man and Tamara L. Harwood, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2007, and recorded on October 23, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 43, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred

Sixteen And 53/100 Dollars (\$82,916.53), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B-1: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, thence South 87 degrees 58 minutes East 330.0 feet along the Section line, thence North 0 degrees 40 minutes West 393.07 feet, thence North 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East 318.85 feet, along center line of County Road 612 to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East 207.49 feet, on said line, thence North 53 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 137.62 feet along Northerly line of Railroad Grade, thence North 0 degrees 39 minutes West 702.68 feet, thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes West 314.48 feet, thence South 0 degrees 40 minutes East 828.06 feet to the point of beginning.

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 27, 2008 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #232053F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darrin E. Hawes and Raquel V. Hawes fka Raquel V. Schaub, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Federal of Michigan, The Michigan operating name of Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2001, and recorded on September 5, 2001 in Liber 0551 on Page 534, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty And 02/100 Dollars (\$52,360.02), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Ausable Trails Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 27, 2008 For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #232613F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by David D. Lamb, a married man, and Amy L. Lamb, his wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 5, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on October 17, 2000, in Liber 520, Page(s) 541, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$50,564.23, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by David D. Lamb, a married man, and Amy L. Lamb, his wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 11.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on December 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 14, WHITE PINE ESTATE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 30, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2000 Dutch Mobile Home, Serial Number 29899D.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C. Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.)

By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183) Attorneys for Mortgagee 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817 Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660

Dated: November 6, 2008 -13-20-27-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl E. Simpson, a married man, Violet Simpson, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 18, 2006, and recorded on January 18, 2007 in Liber 684 on Page 937, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of

Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Seven And 90/100 Dollars (\$31,847.90), including interest at 8.138% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 25, Creekview No. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

Includes a 2000 Fall Creek Manufactured Home Serial No. FC0123800AB, Certificate No. 350T2960065 C. Permanently affixed on above description

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 13, 2008 For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #212900F02

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Johnathon R. Woolman, a Single Man and Shannon L. Anglebrandt, a Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 4, 2005, and recorded on November 21, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 573, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight And 05/100 Dollars (\$87,888.05), including interest at 6.945% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 10, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 15, Grayling Manor, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, on Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 6, 2008 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #229470F01

-6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

LEARMAN, SAROW, BIRCHLER, FITZHUGH & PURTELL, PLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED

FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by Edward Youhanna and Linda Youhanna, husband and wife, to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, mortgagee in a mortgage dated May 8, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Crawford County Register of Deeds on May 17, 2006, at Liber 681, page 533, of Crawford County Records. The balance claimed owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is Twenty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-eight and 43/100 (\$29,888.43) Dollars. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan (that being the place where the Crawford County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges at the rate of 9.05%, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 16: Situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan to-wit: being part of Section 35, Town 25 North, Range 1 West, commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 35; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 10 seconds West along the West Section line 1306.90 feet; thence South 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East along the North one-eighth line 658.16 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East 658.56 feet to the West one-eighth line; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds West along the West one-eighth line 654.04 feet; thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes 33 seconds West 658.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 01 seconds East 652.77 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with and subject to: A 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of utilities, including the right to remove brush and trees from the easement, being more particularly described as follows: To find the Point of Beginning, commence at the West quarter corner of said Section 35; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 10 seconds West along the West Section line 1273.87 feet for a Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East 2631.77 feet; thence South 87 degrees 25 minutes 23 seconds East 1899.15 feet; thence Southeasterly along the arc of a tangent 30.00 foot radius curve to the right 25.65 feet, of which the chord bears South 62 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds East 24.87 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of a tangent 66.00 foot radius curve to the left of which the chord bears North 02 degrees 35 minutes 35 seconds East 86.62 feet; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a tangent 30.00 foot radius curve to the right 25.65 feet, of which the chord bears South 68 degrees 06 minutes 01 seconds West 24.87 feet; thence North 87 degrees 25 minutes 23 seconds West 1899.15 feet; thence North 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds West 2635.09 feet to the West Section line; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 01 seconds East along said Section line 66.08 feet to the Point of Beginning. Also Subject to: a private 12 foot wide easement for the installation, maintenance of public utilities, including the right to remove brush and trees from the easement. Said easement being the Northerly 12 feet of the Southerly 45 feet of said parcel.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL §600.3240, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: November 4, 2008 GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, Mortgagee

Drafted by: J. Joseph Purtell, Attorney for Mortgagee Learman, Sarow, Birchler, Fitzhugh & Purtell, P.L.C. 900 Center Avenue Bay City, Michigan 48708-6118 Telephone: (989) 892-0591

-13-20-27-4-11

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Tammie M. Ledesma, a Single Woman

to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Intervale Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2006 and recorded August 15, 2006 in Liber 682 Page 799 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE4, by assignment dated April 2, 2007 and recorded April 11, 2007 in Liber 686, Page 246, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$58,450.20) including interest 10.34% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on January 7, 2009

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 24, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 706 Park St,

Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
November 28, 1985

Two juveniles and one adult were arrested by sheriff's deputies for throwing snowballs at vehicles on U.S. 27 North on Friday. Deputies said the snowballs damaged a grill on one car and also caused accidents on the highway. The two juveniles were petitioned into probate court and the adult will be charged with throwing a missile at a motor vehicle.

Several thousand residences in Crawford County lost electrical power late Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning when a wind storm moved across Michigan. Power went out for many residences shortly after midnight on Wednesday. Power was restored to most places by Friday.

Candy Griffith won the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee that was held on Oct. 29 at the St. Mary's School building.

Laura's Main Street Florals and Bath Shoppe expands. Laura Schans, with her daughters Valorie, Andrea and Joelle and husband Tom, cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony for her expanded store. Laura's Main Street Florals and Bath Shoppe floor space has been doubled at their downtown Michigan Avenue location.

The Grayling City Council administration and the Grayling Elementary School staff are concerned

with the safety of students walking to school during the winter months. This problem arises because some areas do not have sidewalks. Many sidewalks are not cleared and, as winter progresses, the shoulders of the roads become increasingly narrow and there is not a lot of room to walk safely.

Karyn Reynolds, of Grayling, was named to the New Hampshire Alpine Team along with seven of her University of New Hampshire ski squad teammates.

The Grayling girls basketball team opened district basketball action Friday night with a 55-18 trouncing over Whittemore-Prescott. In this game every Grayling player scored. Kim Springer led the team with 10, Michelle Moore added 8, Jennifer Ojala had 7, Shawn Denton had 6, Richelle Trudeau had 6, Rebecca Jones had 5, Dena Thayer, Stephanie Hindmarsh, Jenny Money and Carrie Trudgeon all had 2 points and Jenni Branch and Patti Tremblay each had 1 point.

46 Years Ago
November 29, 1962

A new dump is being opened for the convenience of Grayling Township residents. The opening date will be Dec. 1. The dump is located 1/4 mile north of M-72, on the road along the railroad tracks, which is three miles west of Grayling or near Danish Landing Road.

The city fire department was called out Monday morning just before daylight to put out a blaze in a converted school bus belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Cummings of Ann Arbor, which was parked some 200 feet off M-72, west of the boundary line of the Game Refuge. The fire department had some difficulty in locating the fire as they were informed that it was in a school bus at Eagle Point. A hole was shot through the liquid petroleum gas tank installed on the converted bus, which was being used for a hunting trip. The shot apparently caused the tank to explode, started a fire and also blew out two windows on the bus. The Cummings were cooking breakfast at the time and Mr. Cummings was burned badly. Mrs. Cummings had her hands burned. The bus was partially consumed by the fire.

Dorothy Filley, Julie Thayer, Mary Ann Gothro, Marcy Millikin, Louella Millikin, Monica Stephan, Susan Bourrie, Chery Gorman, Dalene Peterson, Pam Peterson, Debbie McWilliams, Mary Wilson, Susie Ingalls, Sherry Millikin, Mitzie and Linda Laeder, Nancy Brown and Arvella Galvani were some of the members of the Twilight Twirlers who went to Gladwin on Nov. 23 to march in the Christmas parade.

The Grayling Vikings basketball team got their season off on the right foot with a

67 to 52 win over the Roscommon Bucks. Tim Neal and Tom Wright each had 19 points and Chris Kroll, with 17, led the way.

69 Years Ago
November 30, 1939

The new pump at the fish hatchery was put into operation this week. This is for pumping water onto the fish eggs in the troughs at the hatchery building. The water in the ponds is now between 32 and 36 degrees.

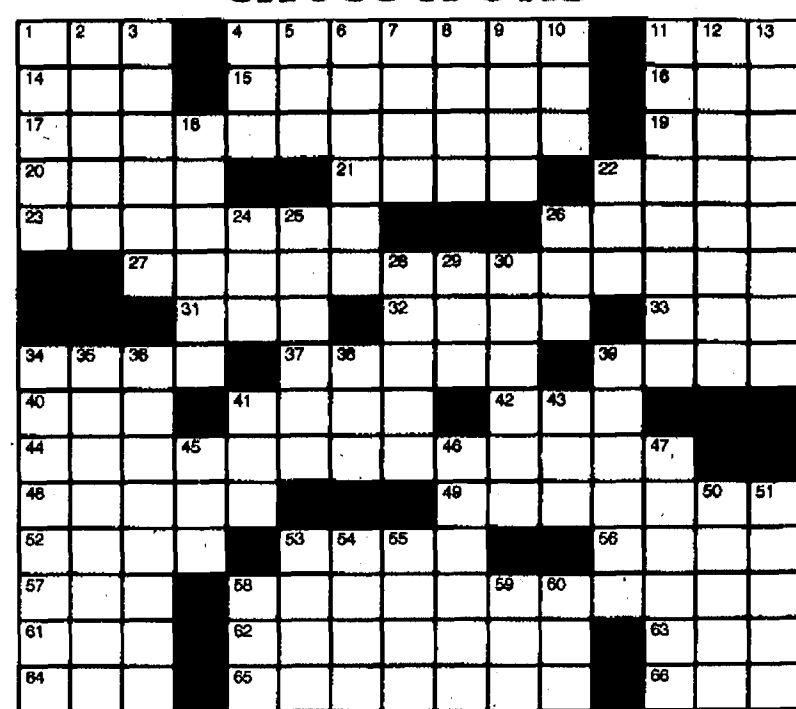
Work on the new electric plant is going nicely. The outside brick walls are practically finished and workmen are busy laying the inside tile walls. The huge I beams are now on hand and are being placed into position at the top of the walls, ready to receive roofing materials. It looks favorable that service will begin within the next 90 days.

92 Years Ago
November 30, 1916

Elsie Erickson is assisting in the Sorenson Bros. store during the holiday rush.

Thursday evening, the Queen's Social Club enjoyed a pleasant evening at the home of Nellie Shanahan, when Lucilee McPhee, Catherine Brady and Nellie Shanahan were hostesses in a progressive peanut contest. Marguerite Lockwood was awarded the honor. In an advertising motto guessing contest, Margaret Cassidy won the honor.

CROSSWORD

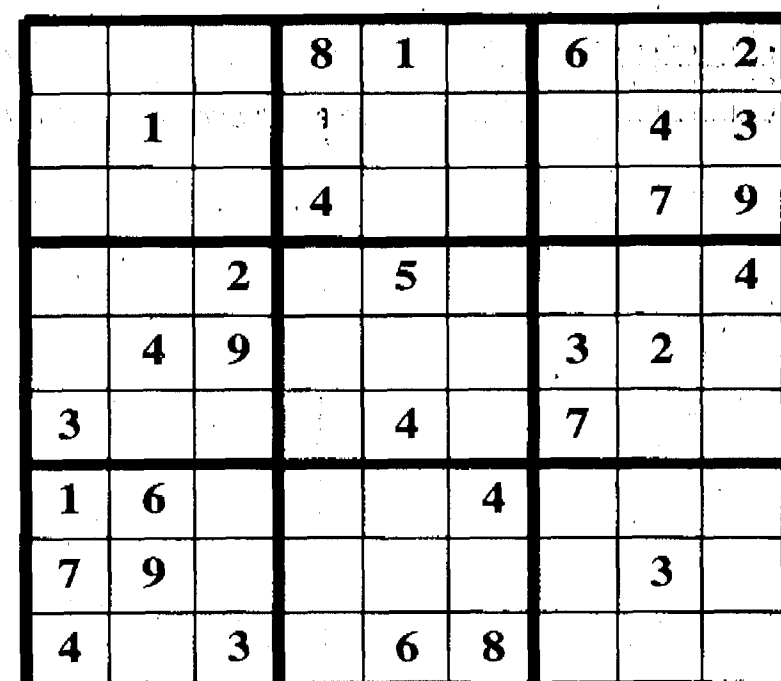


Across
1. Project
4. Wink; Var.
11. Uncastrated adult male sheep
14. "Gimme ____" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
15. C2H5OH
16. ____ Today
17. Extinct flying reptile
19. Sticker
20. Cork's country
21. Some deer
22. Drove
23. Marked by depth of thinking
26. Salk's conquest
27. Dentist qualified to perform surgical procedures
31. "Much ____ About Nothing"
32. Bang-up
33. "So ____ me!"
34. Acclaim
37. Arise
39. "Back in the ____"
40. Aged
41. Chill
42. Big coffee holder
44. Ice-cream soda made with root beer
48. Donnybrook
49. Examine
52. Elliptical
53. Having the taste of wine
56. Post or function properly or customarily occupied or served by another
57. After expenses
58. Adverse and unwanted secondary effects
61. Be mistaken
62. Direct
63. All the rage
64. "Come to think of it ..."
65. Reduced in rank
66. Advantages

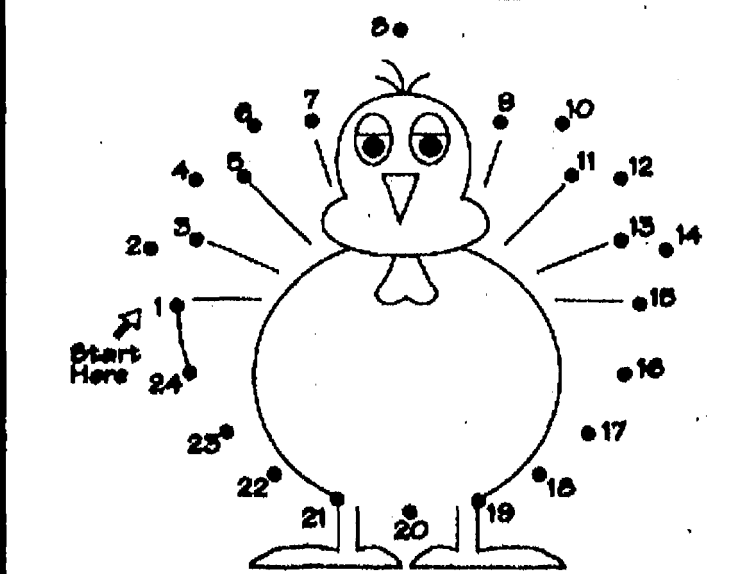
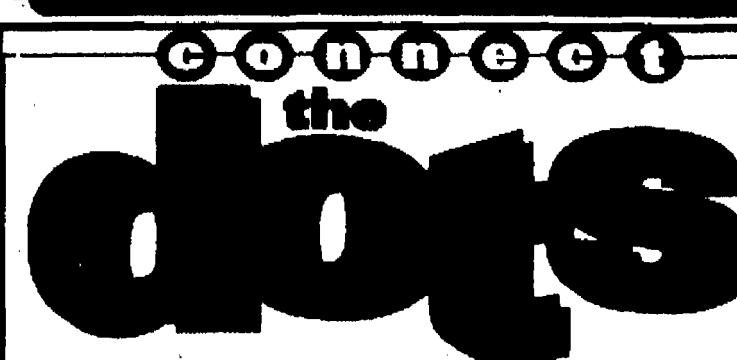
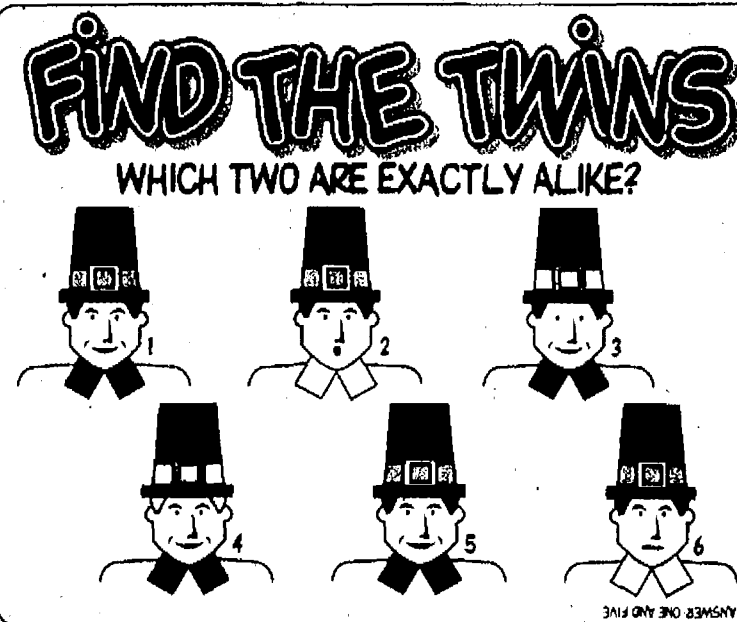
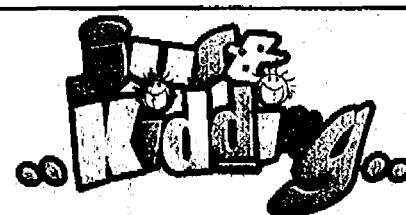
Down
1. Made fun of
2. Loosen, as laces
3. Having or arranged in tiers
4. "The Matrix" hero
5. It would
6. Charter or deed
7. ____ Bell
8. A chip, maybe
9. 1992 Robin Williams movie
10. Addition
11. Of a fire
12. Greatly exceeding bounds of reason
13. Person who forgives a fault
18. Lift
22. Monopolize
24. Armageddon
25. Butt of jokes
26. Grand ____ ("Evangeline" setting)
28. Corset tightener
29. Former French coin
30. Lawless
34. Secretions of endocrine glands
35. Burn treatment
36. Religious zeal
38. Nod, maybe
39. Lacking in power
41. "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" librettist
43. ____ v. Wade
45. ____ el Amarna, Egypt
46. Slightly insane
47. Chinese system of slow meditative physical exercise
50. Allow to be known
51. Hungers (for)
53. Marry a woman
54. Footnote word
55. "I, Claudius" role
58. Ground cover
59. Charge
60. Disobeyed a zoo sign

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



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For the week of November 27, 2008



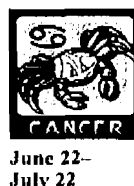
December 22 - January 19

Ah, Capricorn. Many wishes are granted and life begins to look up. Share your joy with others and let it forward. A letter reminds you of an important event.



March 21 - April 19

You've got your eye on a unique adventure when opportunity knocks. Seize it with both hands, Aries. The mind flash is on to prepare for a party at home.



June 22 - July 22

Sweet talk will do you good this week. Be kind and gentle. Cancer, and the world will be at your feet. A health problem is avoided with a simple change in diet.



September 23 - October 22

Tall tales take you by surprise but point you in the right direction. A major turn of events at work pushes you to adopt a new approach. Libra, and it is quite the success.



January 20 - February 18

The sights and sounds of the season make the mood light at work. Aquarius, and the pace quickens. A deep look within purges doubts about a situation at home.



April 20 - May 20

Just when you thought all was lost, a friend returns your messages. Listen closely to what they have to say and read between the lines. They are not at liberty to divulge everything.



July 23 - August 22

At last, Leo, the solution to a financial matter becomes clear. Make your move. Too much time on your hands calls for a hobby or volunteer work.



October 23 - November 21

A showdown at work throws you off kilter, Scorpio. Take some time to regroup. You are not wrong and an authority figure knows it. They are just waiting for you to prove it.



February 19 - March 20

Invitations start flying in, Pisces, and the difficult decision of deciding which to attend and decline begins. Make sure you get the input of those who will be accompanying you.



May 21 - June 21

Code words become more frequent at home. Leave well enough alone, Gemini. It is not for you to figure out. An assignment at work is not as tough as it appears.



August 23 - September 22

You've gotten a little too comfortable at work, Virgo, and it may be time for you to break out of the mold. An auto issue persists. Tackle it with care.



November 22 - December 21

Oh bother, Sagittarius. The changes continue at home and your head begins to spin. Don't worry. Everything will work out to your advantage in the end.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today!



Does anyone recognize this dog?

This big, handsome doberman was picked up in the Stephen Bridge Road area on November 18th. He is a very nice dog but really wants to go home, he is heartbroken and missing his family. He has lost everything that he knows and is distraught. Shelter staff don't even know his real name, so are finding it hard to comfort him. If you know anything about this dog, please call the shelter so that we can get him back where he belongs.

Visit us at: www.ansablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AnSable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,

10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 548-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ansablevalleyanimalshelter.org

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



DOUBLE-LAYER PUMPKIN PIE

Ingredients:

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 cup plus 1 Tbsp. milk, divided
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 tub (8 oz.) whipped topping, thawed, divided
1 graham cracker pie crust (6 oz.)
1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
2 pkg. (3.4 oz. each) vanilla flavor instant pudding
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 tsp. ground cloves

Directions: Beat cream cheese, 1 Tbsp. milk and sugar in large bowl with whisk until blended. Stir in 1/2 of whipped topping. Spread into crust. Whisk remaining milk, pumpkin, pudding mixes and spices 2 min. (Mixture will be thick.) Spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate 4 hours or until set. Top with remaining whipped topping just before serving.

Prep Time: 20 Min.

Total Time: 4 Hours and 20 Min.

Makes: 10 Servings

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast					
Date	H L	Rain/Snow	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
11/19 25	12 05/1						
11/20 31	23 01/1						
11/21 29	-2 04/1		High 33	High 31	High 30	High 28	High 30
11/22 23	2 09/1		Low 24	Low 23	Low 22	Low 21	Low 22
11/23 25	1 02/0						
11/24 34	23 0/0		Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Scattered Snow Showers

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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

CHECK OUT forsaleby-owner.com, listing 21561904, for a super deal on a Grayling AuSable river home, or call 989-348-2083. (10/30/08tf/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

DOWN
1. ETHANOL
2. USA
3. PTERODACTYL
4. BUR
5. FIRE
6. ROES
7. HERD
8. DEEP
9. POLIO
10. DENTIST
11. SURGEON
12. ADD
13. NONE
14. SUE
15. HAIL
16. OCCUR
17. USSR
18. OLD
19. AGUE
20. TURN
21. ROO
22. BEER
23. FLOA
24. WELLS
25. EYEBALL
26. OVAL
27. WINY
28. LIEU
29. NET
30. SIDE
31. EFFECTS
32. ERR
33. OVERSEE
34. HOT
35. SAY
36. DEMOTED
37. INS

SUDOKU

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7	9	8	5	2	1	4	3	6
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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE Hunt camp with well and electric, secluded, adjoining state land, 24' travel trailer included. \$19,900. 989-329-3249. (-27-4/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/1)

BEAUTIFUL HOME In town of Frederic. Great shape, new carpet, new paint. 4 bedrooms, large yard, 2 car garage, carport, full basement and new appliances. Don't miss this one! \$75,000. Call 989-348-5587. (-20-27/1)

4 WOODED ACRES on paved county maintained road, between Grayling and Kalkaska. Three miles off M-72. \$15,000. 810-231-7726. (-20-27/1)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

FOR RENT OR LEASE With option to buy. Very nice, clean, 2,000 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath house in country two miles north of Higgins Lake, move in condition. Great yard with large deck, gas fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage, C/A schools. References plus security deposit required. \$850. 989-329-4826. (-27-4/2)

BIG HOUSE Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at www.quality-homerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

2. For Rent

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS. 306 Knight St. in Grayling, one bedroom unit available. Rent based on income, minimum \$455 includes heat. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Send this ad with application and your second month is free! Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Bakwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-27-4/2)

FOR RENT OR LEASE With option to buy. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom house between Roscommon and Grayling. Attached 1 1/2 car garage, all appliances furnished. Will consider pet. Negotiable snowplowing and yard work. References plus security deposit. \$575. 989-329-4826. (-27-4/2)

TWO BEDROOM 1 bath. Washer and dryer hook up, refrigerator and range included, utilities not included, no pets. \$450 a month plus security. 6272 Old Lake Rd. 989-348-4716. (11/6/08tf/2)

2. For Rent

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

FOR RENT Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. \$750 per month, \$750 security deposit required. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/2)

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE 1 full bath, range and refrigerator. No pets. \$350 a month plus security deposit, tenant pays utilities. 989-348-4716. (11/6/08tf/2)

BEAUTIFUL Clean, fully furnished, 3 bedroom home just steps away from Higgins Lake. Available month to month, no pets and no smokers. Call 231-218-8529. (-13-20-27/2)

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX Furnished, utilities included, monthly \$700. 348-5230. (-6-13-20-27/2)

2. For Rent

1 & 2 BEDROOM DUPLEX \$425 to \$550, some utilities. 348-5230. (-6-13-20-27/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olsen, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (10/30/08tf/2)

K.P. LAKE HOME 16 miles northeast of Grayling. 1 bath, 1 bedroom furnished with stove and refrigerator. Includes large 2 car garage and use of dock. \$500 per month plus utilities, non-smoking and security deposit required. Call Gary at 348-1102. (-20-27/2)

FOR RENT Like new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, attached 2 car garage, \$825 monthly. Absolutely no pets. Call Connie, 989-390-2888. (-20-27-4/2)

3. Employment

THE GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION is accepting applications for the position of a part time Section 8 Coordinator. Applications can be picked up at the Housing Office, 308 Lawndale, until close of business December 5, 2008. (-27-4/3)

WE WANT YOU 15 openings, customer service. Local company with full time / permanent work needs women and men. No experience, will train, earn paid vacations and incentive bonuses. Call 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday only, 989-732-8439. (-27/3)

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BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

NEWLY REMODELED Fully furnished 2 1/2 bedroom home on west side of Houghton Lake. \$600 a month plus utilities. Perfect for temporary workers. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

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3. Employment

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST
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1-800-252-2065
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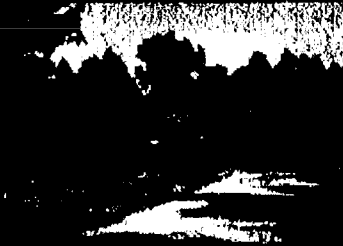
NEW LISTING
PERFECT STARTER / RETIREMENT HOME Ideally located on corner lot. 852 s.f., two bedrooms, and one bath. Home features enclosed porch, brick fireplace, full basement, and carport. Excellent price - could make very affordable rental property. 511 Michigan Ave. CH-2779 \$30,000



REDUCED
PRIVATE 1.28 ACES WITH HARDWOODS AND PINES. Beautiful 2,652 s.f., three bedroom 2.5 bath home only 1/2 mile from town. Home features nine foot tray ceilings, custom kitchen with center island, butcher block snack bar, and recessed lighting. Formal entry with open oak staircase and hardwood floors. Master bedroom suite with double walk-in closets. Three car finished garage with workshop. Landscaped yard with underground irrigation. CH-2704 \$198,900



ACREAGE
10 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND TO THE SOUTH Peaceful country setting. 3 bedroom, 2 bath offers 2063 square feet of quality living space. Features include den, formal dining area, full basement, garden tub in master suite with walk-in closet. French doors, large kitchen with snack bar, deck off breakfast room. Adjoins state land to the south. snowmobile trails close by. CH-2766 \$99,000



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SNOWPLOWING Oak firewood, rubbish hauling, chain saw work, roofs and walks cleared. Jerry, 989-348-7046. (-27-4-11-18/4)

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8. Announcements

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9. Personals

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10. Garage Sale

MOVING SALE Everything must go, dressers, tables, bedroom set, portable sauna, skis, snow shoes and more. November 22, 28 and 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2142 Dorothy Lane, AuSable Woods north off of Wilcox Bridge Rd. (-20-27/10)

8. Announcements



Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals for custodial services for the M-TEC facility located at 60 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, Michigan. Proposals shall be for a one year period beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

A walk-thru open house is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008. Vendors should meet in the main lobby of the M-TEC facility.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, December 18, 2008 in Kirtland's facilities management office at which time they will be opened and publicly read. All proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained by calling 989-275-5000, ext.263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project.

Any questions should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities Management at 989-275-5000 ext. 249



10. Garage Sale

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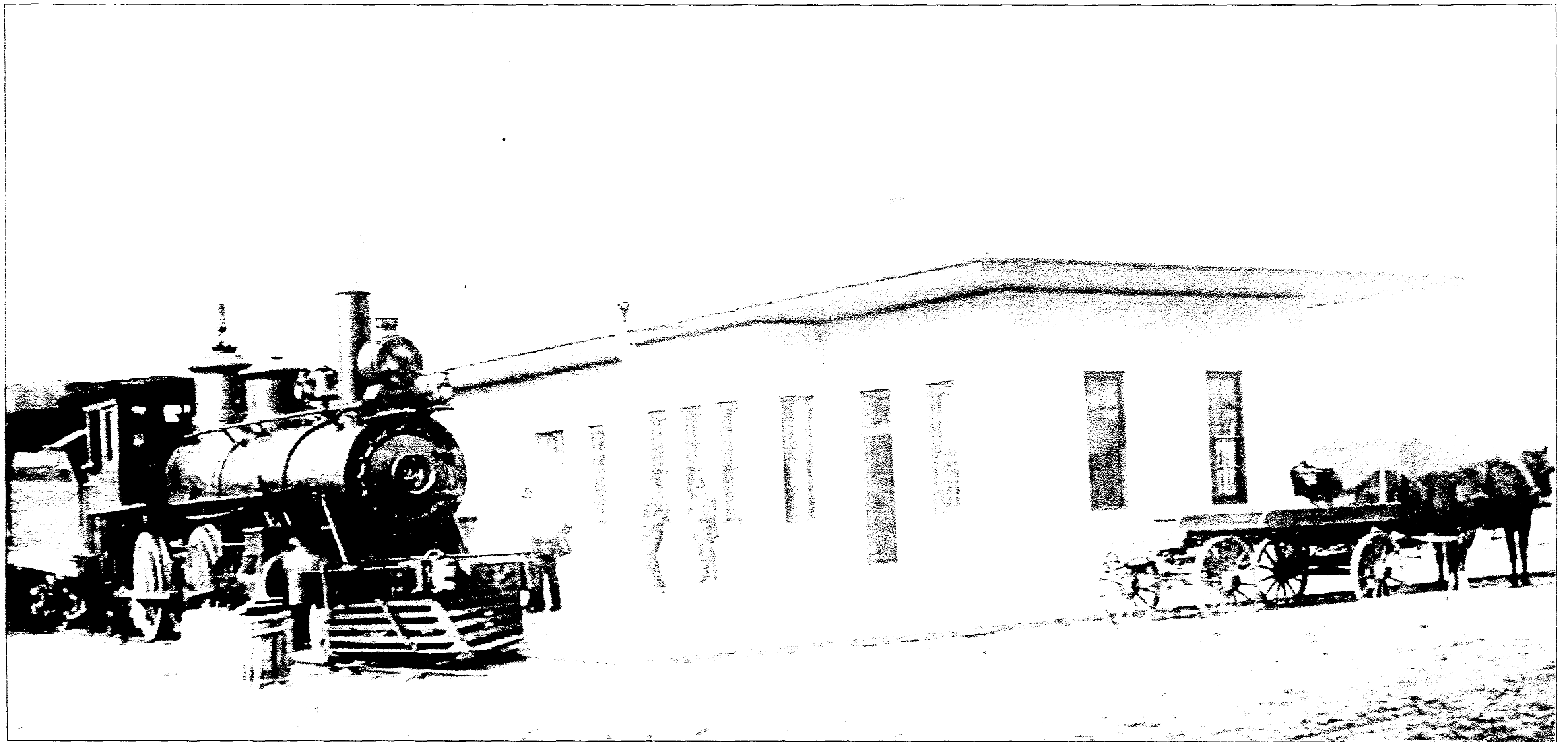
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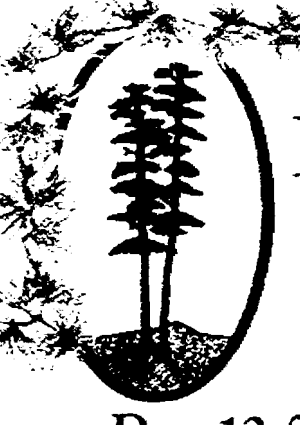


Welcome to Crawford County

The M.&N.E. Depot served trains entering Crawford County in the late 1800s. At this time, the railroad connected the Grayling area to Manistee. The site of the depot was where Fick & Sons is located today.

2009 Calendar

Historical Photos of Crawford County



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Winter Fun

Guests at the Grayling Winter Sports Park race down the toboggan run sometime in the late 40s or early 50s. The toboggan run was located where Hanson Hills operates their tubing run today. Concrete remains of the historic toboggan run are still visible at the site.

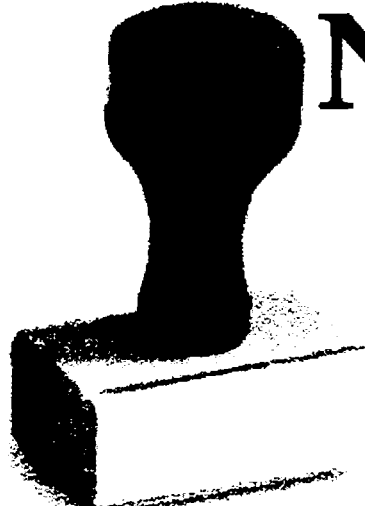
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
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28	29	30	31				
			New Year's Eve				



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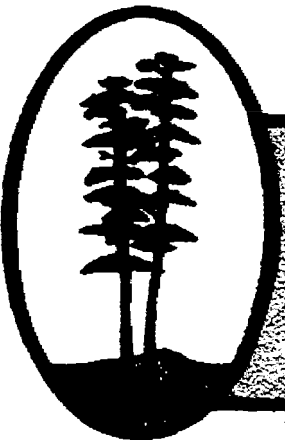
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Getting A Head Start

Frank Deckrow shows off his balance on the toboggan run at the Grayling Winter Sports Park (now Hanson Hills) in the late 40s or early 50s. In the background, warming lodges and an ice skating rink are visible. The Grayling Winter Sports was at one time one of the most popular winter recreation destinations in the state.

JANUARY						2009
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <small>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</small>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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FEBRUARY						2009
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27	28

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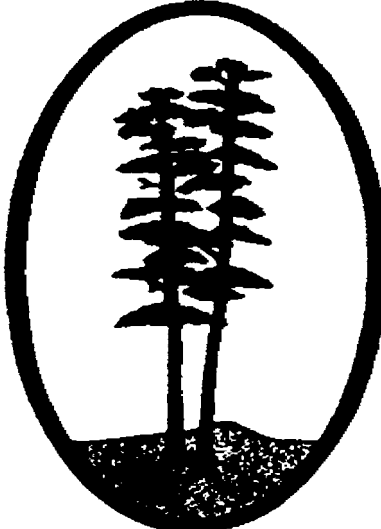
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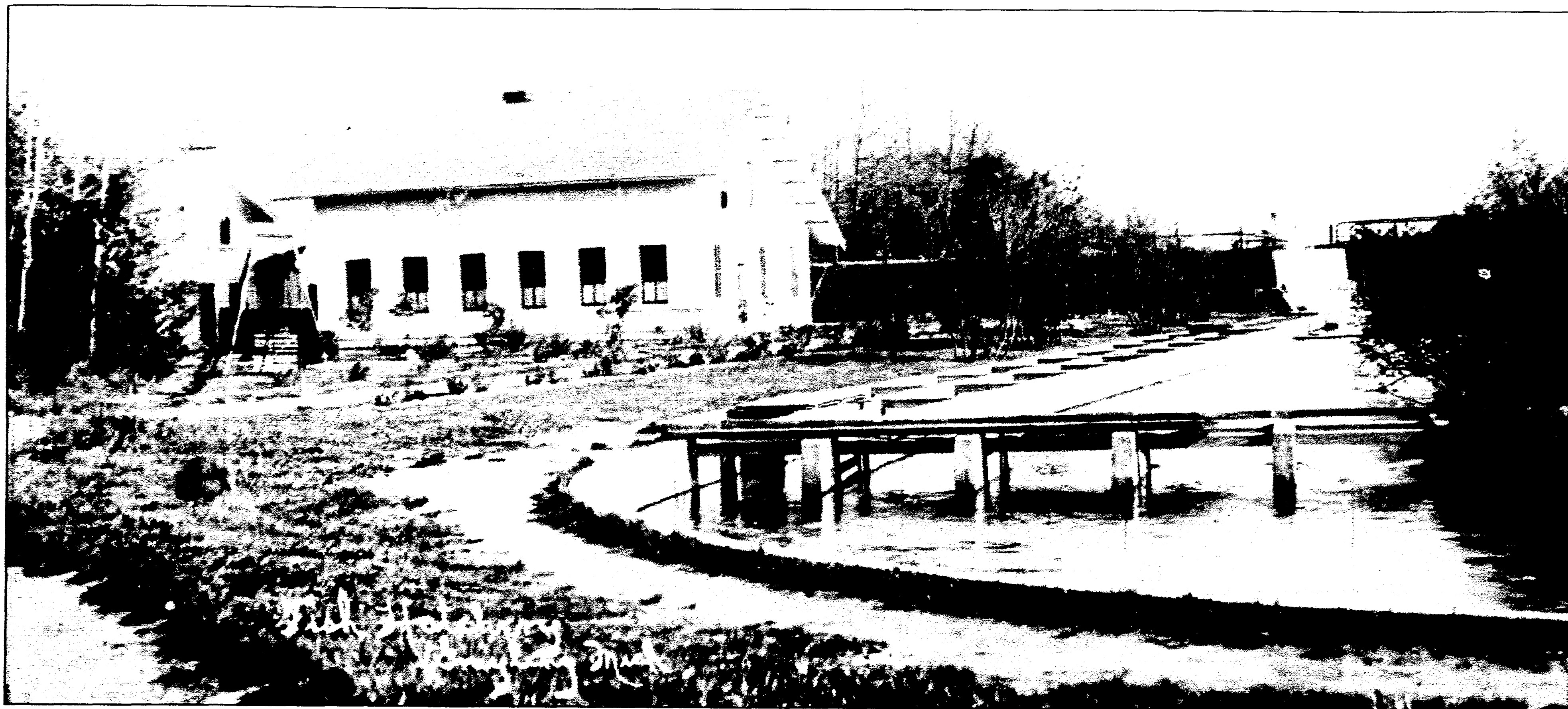
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Grayling Fish Hatchery

The Grayling Fish Hatchery was founded in 1914 by Rasmus Hanson. The building on the left was the first building used to serve the hatchery. The original purpose of the facility was to restore grayling fish to the AuSable River. Although the grayling eventually became extinct in this area, the hatchery continued to raise trout and introduce them into local rivers. Today, the hatchery is operated by the Grayling Recreational Authority.

MARCH							2009
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
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APRIL							2009
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1	2	3	4	
			April Fools Day				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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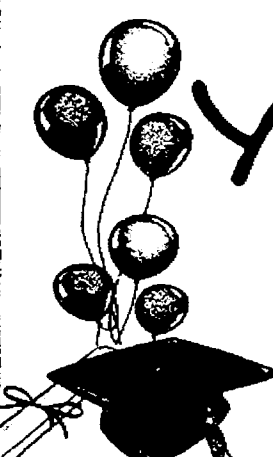
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MAY

2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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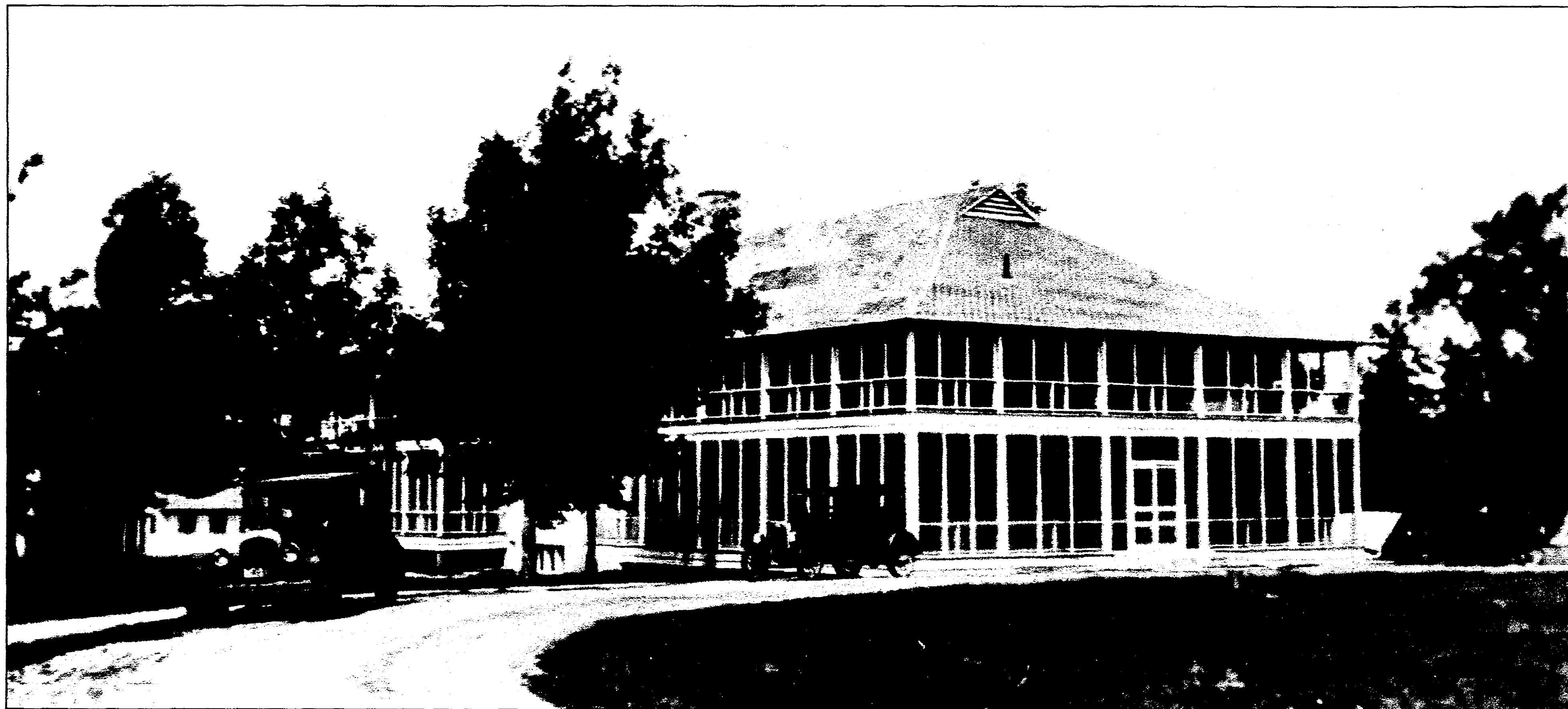


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JUNE

2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Summer Begins Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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Riding the River

Canoeing has always been a popular group activity, as is evident from this photo taken in 1920. This group of paddlers is landing downstream from Wakeley Bridge.

JULY							2009
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1	2	3	4	
							Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
					AuSable River Canoe Marathon	AuSable River Canoe Marathon	
26	27	28	29	30	31		



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Life in Lovells

This fisherman is trying his luck on the north branch of the AuSable sometime in the late 1940s or 1950s. This photo was taken in Lovells Township. The river is still a big part of life in Lovells, where the community hosts a yearly "Bridge Walk" in August.

AUGUST						2009
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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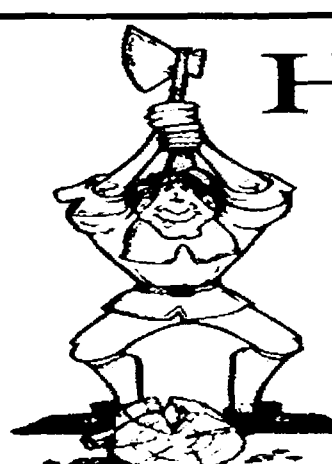
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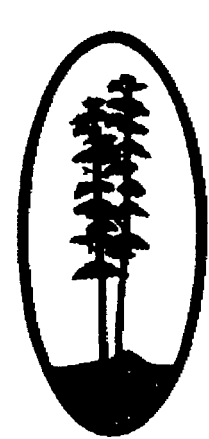
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Camp Jocks

The lumber industry was still the core of Crawford County's economy when this photo was taken in 1915. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Herbert Serven, Frank Serven, Bill Christenson and Elizabeth Serven. Rosa Christenson is standing in back.

SEPTEMBER						2009
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Labor Day					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Autumn Begins				
27	28	29	30			




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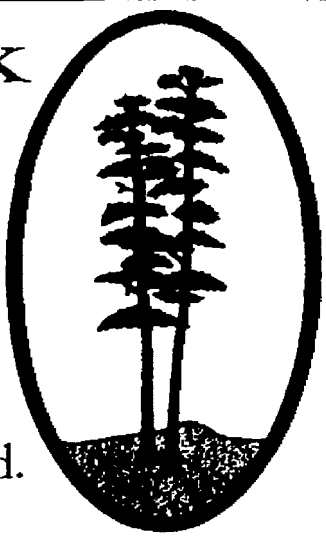
Halloween Walk

October 17

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Visiting Portage Lake

Esbern Hanson (left), son of famous lumber baron Rasmus Hanson, visits Portage Lake in the early 1900s. The only other man identified in this photo is Joseph Burton, who stands on the far right. Portage Lake was later renamed Lake Margrethe.

OCTOBER							2009
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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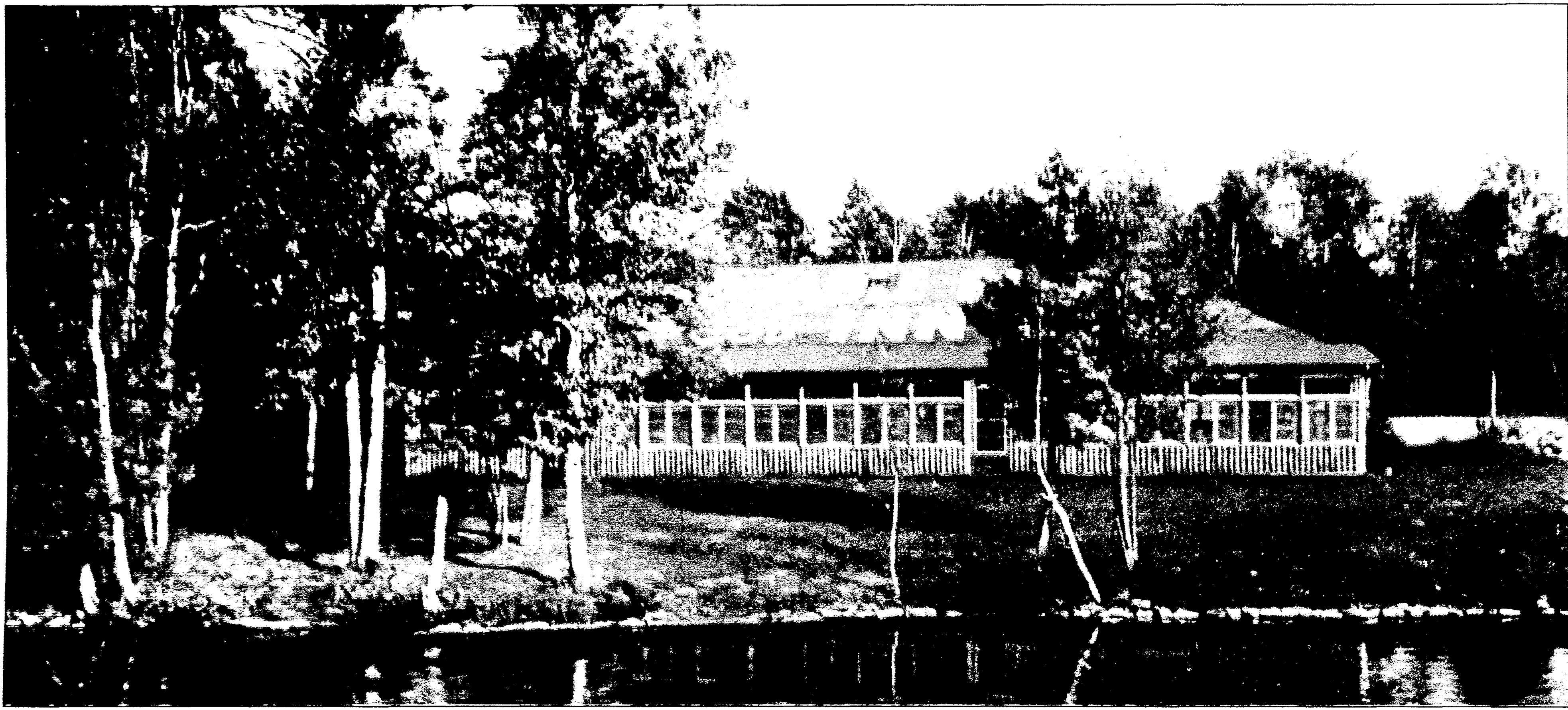
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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Daylight Savings Time Ends		Election Day					
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			Veterans Day				
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				Thanksgiving Day			
29	30						

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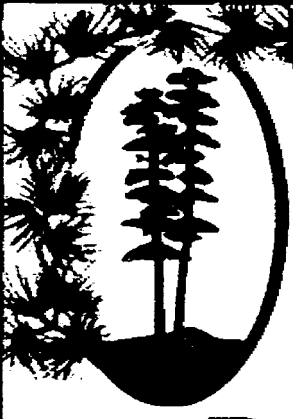
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Christmas at School

Grayling school students pose for a class Christmas photo sometime around 1920. Pictured (back row, from left) are Alice Wakeley, Arthur Hoffman and Charles Chester. Standing in front, from the left, are Harry Engel, Chester Engel and Hazel Hoffman. The class teacher was Herman Schreiber.

DECEMBER							2009
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				New Year's Eve			



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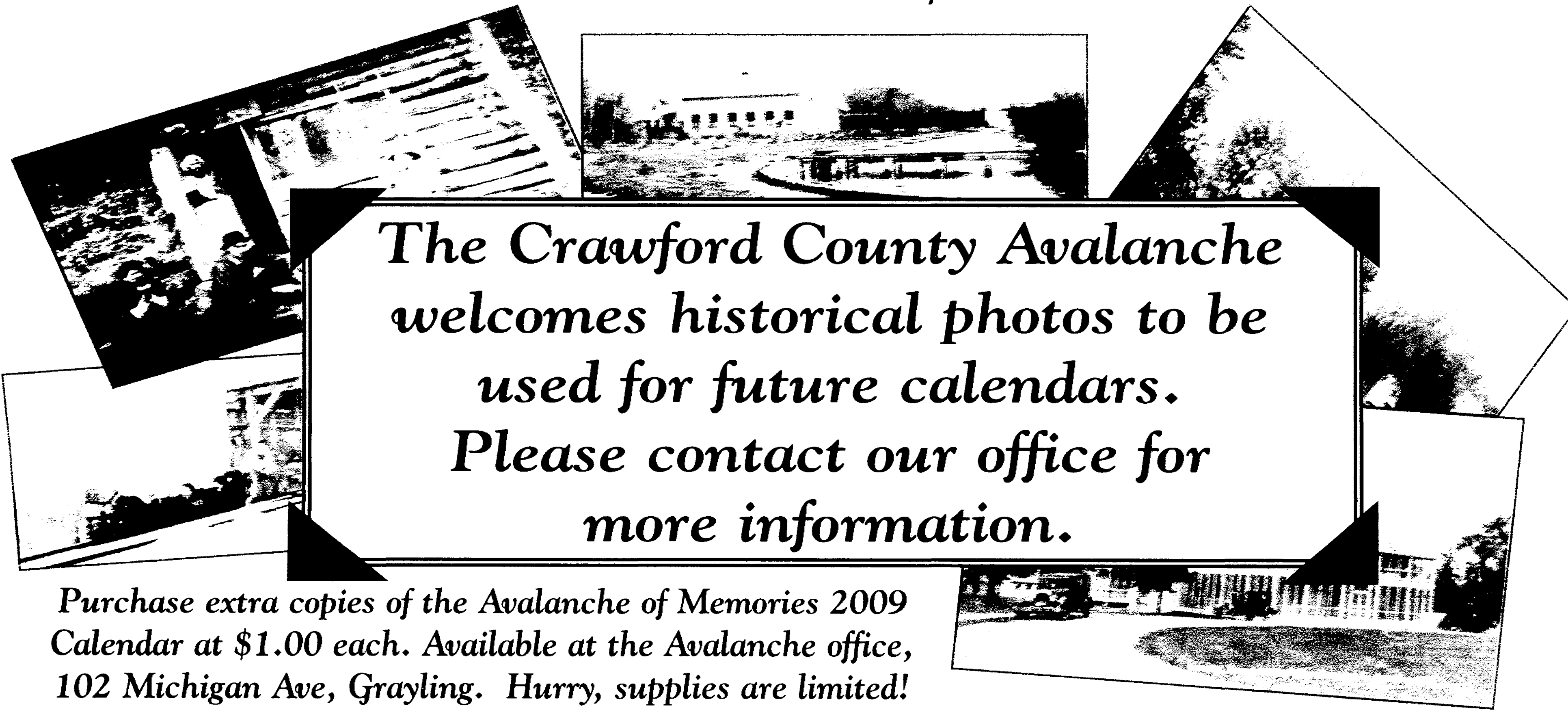
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